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WOMEN'S MONTH
The Garapan Central Park was packed Wednesday night in celebration of the 2017 International Women's Month. The event was hosted by the Women's Affairs Office. KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

30-year wait is finally over

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REPORTER

Mary Eleanor Kapileo still remembers the time when she submitted her application to avail of a homestead lot. That was in the summer of 1987.

Thirty years later, she is finally getting the property she has been dreaming of. Kapileo and 12 others participated in yesterday's homestead lottery drawing and are now proud landowners.

Kapileo was among the applicants that participated in yesterday's homestead lottery drawing of revoked lands at the Department of Public Lands' office in Dandan.

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JON PEREZ
Department of Public Lands Secretary Marianne Teregeyo, right, briefs Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on yesterday's lottery drawing of revoked lands at the DPL office in Dandan as Dino Manning, who participated, looks on.

Hocog bid to dismiss Yamamoto suit is denied

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A federal judge denied yesterday a motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed against Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog and the owners of cargo vessel M/V *Luta*.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood made the decision yesterday, saying the claims against Hocog and M/V *Luta* owners Luta Mermaid LLC, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Men-

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Hawaii becomes 1st state to sue over Trump's new travel ban

HONOLULU (AP)—The state of Hawaii has become the first state to sue to stop President Donald Trump's revised travel ban.

Attorneys for the state filed the lawsuit Wednesday in federal court in Honolulu. The state had previously sued over Trump's initial travel ban, but that lawsuit was put on hold while other cases played out across the country.

Hawaii gave notice Tuesday night that it intended to file an amended lawsuit to cover the new ban, which plans to goes into effect March 16.

The revised executive order bars new visas for people from six predominantly Muslim countries and temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program. It doesn't apply to travelers who already have visas.

Hawaii's lawsuit says the order will harm Hawaii's Muslim population, tourism and foreign students.

"Hawaii is special in that it

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CPA gets $250K to resolve long lines

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REPORTER

The lengthy immigration lines at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport was again the focus of talks during the Marianas Visitors Authority's regular meeting yesterday.

According to MVA managing director Chris Concepcion, the MVA China ad hoc committee voted among themselves to give the entirety of their budget, $250,000, to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The money, according to Concepcion and CPA executive director Chris Tenorio, would be used to buy Automated Passport Control machines, or APCs, that will

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Judge intends to dismiss CUC lawsuit vs DHS

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The federal court plans to grant a petition to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and 13 of its CW-1 workers.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said Tuesday that she is planning to issue a written decision soon reflecting this.

At a status conference on Tuesday, Manglona said she is currently working on a written decision on the motion to dismiss filed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and co-defendants.

According to the minutes of the conference, Manglona stated that her decision at this point is to grant the motion to dismiss.

She also stated that the detailed decision articulating the reasoning for this ruling will be issued shortly.

Because of this, all pending future hearings on the matter shall be vacated.

James Sirok appeared as counsel for CUC and its 13 Commonwealth-only transitional workers. U.S. Department of Justice Office of Im-

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Contempt proceedings vs Yamamoto suspended

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REPORTER

A federal judge has placed on hold for the moment the contempt proceedings against a Japanese investor's failure to pay his share of custodial fees for cargo ship M/V *Luta*.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood said the contempt proceedings will be put on hold to give Takahisa Yamamoto the opportunity to comply with the terms of the settlement agreement between him and the vessel's former custodian, National Maritime Services Inc., which was filed under seal.

If Yamamoto fail to fulfill the terms of the settlement, he may be subject to further contempt proceedings.

But if Yamamoto fulfills the terms of the settlement deal, he will have satisfied his obligations under the court's Feb. 10, 2017 order, Tydingco-Gatewood said.

Yamamoto and NMS filed last week a joint motion requesting the court to suspend the contempt proceedings.

Yamamoto has agreed to enter a stipulated judgment in the amount of $167,627 in favor of NMS.

Yamamoto and NMS have reached the settlement deal regarding payment of services rendered for the custody and care of M/V *Luta*.

Last Feb. 22, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter ordered the immediate release of Luta to its owner, Luta Mermaid LLC, after Yamamoto reached the settlement agreement with NMS.

Following the settlement, Carter discharged the court's previous order to show cause against Yamamoto and relieved NMS of its duties.

Suspected 'ice' distributor indicted

A superseding indictment was filed in federal court yesterday against a suspected distributor of methamphetamine or "ice."

The superseding indictment charged Yang Zou with one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

He is accused of having been found in possession of methamphetamine on April 15, 2016.

Zou will be arraigned on March 14 at 9am.

The original indictment charged him with the same offense, but it did not indicate the quantity of the drugs involved. It also contained the U.S. government's notice of forfeiture.

Zou and two other suspected "ice" suppliers were arrested and taken to federal court last Dec. 14 for their initial appearance. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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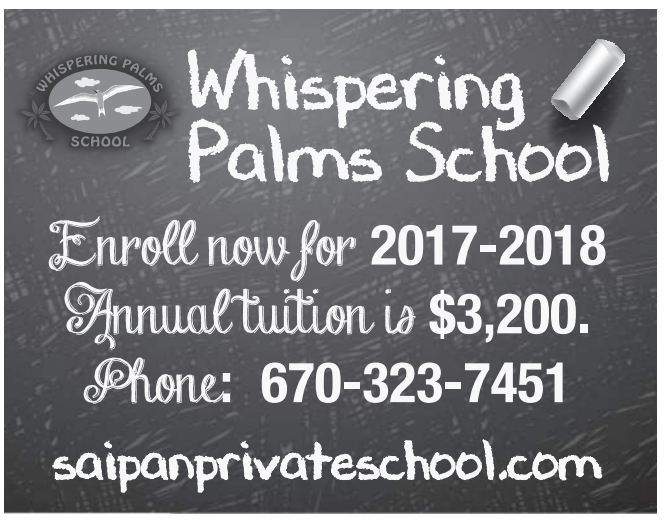

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Sablan takes aim at new health bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has criticized the newly released Republican healthcare reform legislation for failing to include the U.S. insular areas. The congressman made his comments during mark up yesterday of three smaller healthcare bills in the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

"I had hopes that the Republican replacement would make health care more affordable, more accessible—for all Americans—as advertised," Sablan said. "Unfortunately, the legislation is not as advertised. It does not fulfill the President's promise of 'insurance for everyone.'"

President Donald Trump made "insurance for everyone" one of his signature pledges during last year's campaign for the White House.

The Republican proposal, released on Monday, is supposed to replace the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. The proposal provides tax credits to assist middle-income individuals purchase health insurance and per-capita funding for the Medicaid insurance program for those with lower incomes.

Only persons in the U.S. states or the District of Columbia are covered, however.

The U.S. insular areas were initially included in the Affordable Care Act, when the U.S. House of Representatives under Democratic control passed the measure in 2009. But the islands—Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Marianas—were dropped from most of the bill in the U.S. Senate, where none of them are represented.

And, later, consumer protections that Obamacare did provide the insular areas—such as the ability for people with a preexisting condition to buy insurance, equal pricing for men and women, reductions in rates for older persons, and the bar on annual and lifetime limits—were taken away at the request of territorial governors and insurance commissioners.

Earlier this year, Sablan led the congressional representatives from the five insular areas—Republicans and Democrats—in setting out their goals for inclusion in a replacement for Obamacare. They asked to be treated as states under the Medicaid program and for people in the insular areas to be eligible for tax credits to pay for the cost of health insurance premiums. ***(PR)***

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RNV-Forex partners with BDO, others, on new services

RNV-Forex has struck a new partnership with numerous Philippine brands to arm itself with even more online money remittance options.

RNV-Forex has partnered with Philippine bank Banco de Oro, or BDO, and iRemit, an online money transfer and remittance service.

Filipinos living on Saipan may now avail of BDO and iRemit services on island instead of having to rely solely on Philippine National Bank and Bank of the Philippine Islands for money remittances.

Also included in the new services are door-to-door deliveries from Saipan. This service enables bills payments, which covers cable billings, credit cards, financials, insurance, telecom and internet bills, and schools and university tuition to be paid from Saipan, as well as food deliveries from Jollibee, Red Ribbon, and Max's Restaurant.

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diola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, and Fidel Mendiola Jr. do not have to be verified.

In so doing, Tydingco-Gatewood said, the court does not reach the question of whether Takahisa Yamamoto's late verification of the first amended complaint was effective.

In his first amended complaint last December, Yamamoto, through George Lloyd Hasselback, claimed that Hocog, who at the time was a Rota senator, promised to use his political position and influence to ensure that Yamamoto's investment in M/V *Luta* would profit.

Yamamoto is suing Hocog and the ship's owners for allegedly refusing to pay back the $3.4 million that he funded for the vessel.

Hocog, through Jeffrey A. Moots, asked the court to dismiss the amended complaint. The ship's owners joined in Hocog's motion.

The sole grounds on which Hocog and the ship's owners' motion for dismissal of the lawsuit is that the first amended complaint, unlike the initial complaint, is not verified.

In response, Yamamoto tried to cure the alleged defect by filing a separate document in which he purports to verify the first amended complaint.

Hocog maintains that the late verification, made two weeks after the first amended complaint was filed, was ineffective.

In her ruling, Tydingco-Gatewood said to decide the motion, it is not necessary to determine whether the subsequent verification was effective.

Tydingco-Gatewood said admiralty claims against defendants in personam require verification only if the plaintiff seeks to attach or garnish property found within the jurisdiction, which belongs to defendants who are not found in the jurisdiction.

The judge said Hocog and the vessel's owners reside within the jurisdiction, and Yamamoto has not sought to attach M/V *Luta* or any other property belonging to Hocog and the ship's owners.

Therefore, the judge noted, Yamamoto's complaint in admiralty against defendants personally need not be verified.

Tydingco-Gatewood said verification was required only for the in rem claim, by which Yamamoto asserted a maritime lien for necessaries against M/V *Luta* and obtained a warrant to arrest it.

In rem claim refers to a type of legal proceedings, taken in an admiralty court in a common law jurisdiction, against the ship and sometimes cargo as defendant.

Tydingco-Gatewood said that in rem claim effectively dropped out of Yamamoto's lawsuit when the court found a lack of probable cause to support the arrest of M/V *Luta* and released the vessel.

The judge said Yamamoto may proceed against Hocog, Luta Mermaid, and the Mendiolas in personam, and if he prevails he will obtain a judgment against them personally.

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has always been non-discriminatory in both its history and constitution," Attorney General Doug Chin said. "Twenty percent of the people are foreign-born, 100,000 are non-citizens and 20 percent of the labor force is foreign-born.

The move came after a federal judge in Honolulu said earlier Wednesday that Hawaii can move forward with the lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson granted the state's request to continue with the case and set a hearing for March 15 - the day before Trump's order is due to go into effect. It bars new visas for people from the six predominantly Muslim countries and temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program.

Officials in heavily Democratic Hawaii previously sued to stop Trump's initial ban but that suit was placed on hold amid legal challenges around the country.

A day after Trump's administration announced its new executive order, attorneys for the state filed their proposed revision in federal court Tuesday night, along with a motion asking that it be allowed to proceed.

Watson approved that motion and said the state will file the final lawsuit later Wednesday. The Hawaii attorney general's office did not provide further details on timing but has said the ban will harm Hawaii's Muslim population, tourism and foreign students.

The U.S. Department of Justice declined to comment on the pending litigation.

The state will argue at the March 15 hearing that the judge should impose a temporary restraining order preventing the ban from taking effect until the lawsuit has been resolved.

Hawaii's complaint says it is suing to protect its residents, businesses and schools, as well as its "sovereignty against illegal actions of President Donald J. Trump and the federal government."

The order affects people from Iran, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen and Libya. It does not apply to travelers who already have visas.

Imam Ismail Elshikh of the Muslim Association of Hawaii, a plaintiff in the state's challenge, says the ban will keep his Syrian mother-in-law from visiting.

Trump's "executive order inflicts a grave injury on Muslims in Hawaii, including Dr. Elshikh, his family, and members of his mosque," Hawaii's complaint says.

A federal judge in Seattle issued a temporary restraining order halting the initial ban after Washington state and Minnesota sued. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to reinstate the order.

While Hawaii is the first to sue to stop the revised ban, the restraining order is still in place and could apply to the new one, too, said Peter Lavalee, a spokesman for the Washington attorney general's office.

University of Richmond Law School professor Carl Tobias said Hawaii's complaint seemed in many ways similar to Washington's successful lawsuit, but whether it would prompt a similar result was tough to say.

He said he expects the judge, an appointee of President Barack Obama who was a longtime prosecutor, to be receptive to "at least some of it."

Given that the new executive order spells out more of a national security rationale than the old one and allows for some travelers from the six nations to be admitted on a case-by-case basis, it will be harder to show that the new order is intended to discriminate against Muslims, Tobias said.

"The administration's cleaned it up, but whether they have cleaned it up enough I don't know," he said. "It may be harder to convince a judge there's religious animus here."

Tobias also said it is good that Hawaii's lawsuit includes an individual plaintiff, considering that some legal scholars have questioned whether the states themselves have standing to challenge the ban.

"This new executive order is nothing more than Muslim ban 2.0," Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin said in a statement Monday. "Under the pretense of national security, it still targets immigrants and refugees."

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hopefully speed up the process of going through immigration.

Since the MVA board has already allocated the $250,000 to the committee, the board need not vote anymore on a decision.

"I [believe] this is more of a discussion and something the management supports," Concepcion told MVA board members. "It's going to help somewhat with the [long immigration] lines."

Once the price quotations for the APC machines are received, about three machines would be purchased for the Saipan airport, Tenorio said.

Tenorio said that CPA would be responsible for procuring the APC machines.

Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune* that CPA is still trying to find an APC vendor and the agency has been communicating with the Guam airport about this matter.

"Guam has told us [of] companies that sell APC machines, so we are going to be communicating with the companies to see how much it would cost and if they could deliver it as soon as possible," said Tenorio.

Tenorio thinks that although the long immigration lines won't disappear, "[the APC machines] will help."

"Right now we are trying to accommodate all the people that are arriving in the best that we can," he added.

Tourists who want to enter the CNMI all go through Customs and Border Protection, officers.

CPA is also looking to address flight schedules to give CBP more time to process immigration papers. Tenorio said that CPA is looking to spread out flight schedules.

"Once everything is all worked out, we are going to meet with the airlines one by one and start scheduling them. The scheduling is so that we could have in-between flights to give CBP time to process what they need to process before the next flight comes in," he said.

JUDGE

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migration Litigation assistant director Glenn M. Girdharry appeared as counsel for DHS, the DHS secretary, and several other co-defendants.

CUC and 13 of its foreign workers are suing then-DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson and others for allegedly not acting on CUC's petitions for CW-1 permit renewals.

The plaintiffs are also suing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Sarah R. Saldana, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Leon Rodriguez.

Sirok alleged that the failure of USCIS to make a determination on the CW-1 renewal petitions violates Administrative Procedure Act.

CUC and its 13 CW-1 workers want the court to prevent Johnson and his co-defendants from enforcing the CW-1 cap for fiscal years 2013 through 2017.

They claim that the manner used to arrive at the cap is "arbitrary, capricious, and results in an abuse" of the DHS secretary's "limited discretion."

DHS argued, among other things, that it has unfettered discretion to set the cap in any manner and make it applicable to the CW-1 petitioning process.

CUC disclosed last year that it employs over 300 workers, including 42 nonresident workers.

30-YEAR

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Kapileo could not hide her emotions when her turn came to pick from the 41 repossessed lots that were at stake. An overwhelming feeling of relief enveloped her.

"It feels like my birthday and this is the gift for me. I just hope that there's already a house that's built so I would no longer build one. Finally, I can chase my kids out of the house," Kapileo said in between laughs.

For 55 years, Kapileo had stayed in Chalan Kanoa but now she managed to pick one of the mostly scattered lots in the eastern part of Saipan at Kagman III's Phase II. One lot was offered in As Matuis.

She never knew that this day would come. "I had my doubts. I thought I'm going to wait another 30 years. But finally, here it is and I have my own land."

"I do follow up on my application every year. I was thinking that because I was single, I don't have the privilege to come and pick," Kapilelo added.

This was the first lottery done since 2014 and there are still leftover lots that DPL would distribute, with the drawing scheduled at another date.

Most of the lots are scattered and had been revoked from previous owners, who neglected the property or have never built homes on the property—as required by the homestead law.

Trying to clear backlog

DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo said their agency is working on applications that were filed long ago. The next batch will be those who have been on the wait list since 1991 and 1992.

"In December, we notified people on the 1990 list, telling them to come to DPL and update their application. The names are going to be selected in a pool, like what we did today," said Teregeyo.

She advised those who applied for homestead lots to update their applications "because we're moving forward and our goal is to issue more lots and reduce our waiting list."

As much as possible, DPL tries to contact the applicants, Teregeyo said. However, most of them have no return addresses or just never pick up their mail.

"There's always questions about, 'where's my homestead. When am I going to get my homestead?' It is unbelievable that these folks would not come in to [avail of this]. What we've done is close out 1990 but there are individuals still going to be on the list but we moved on to 1991."

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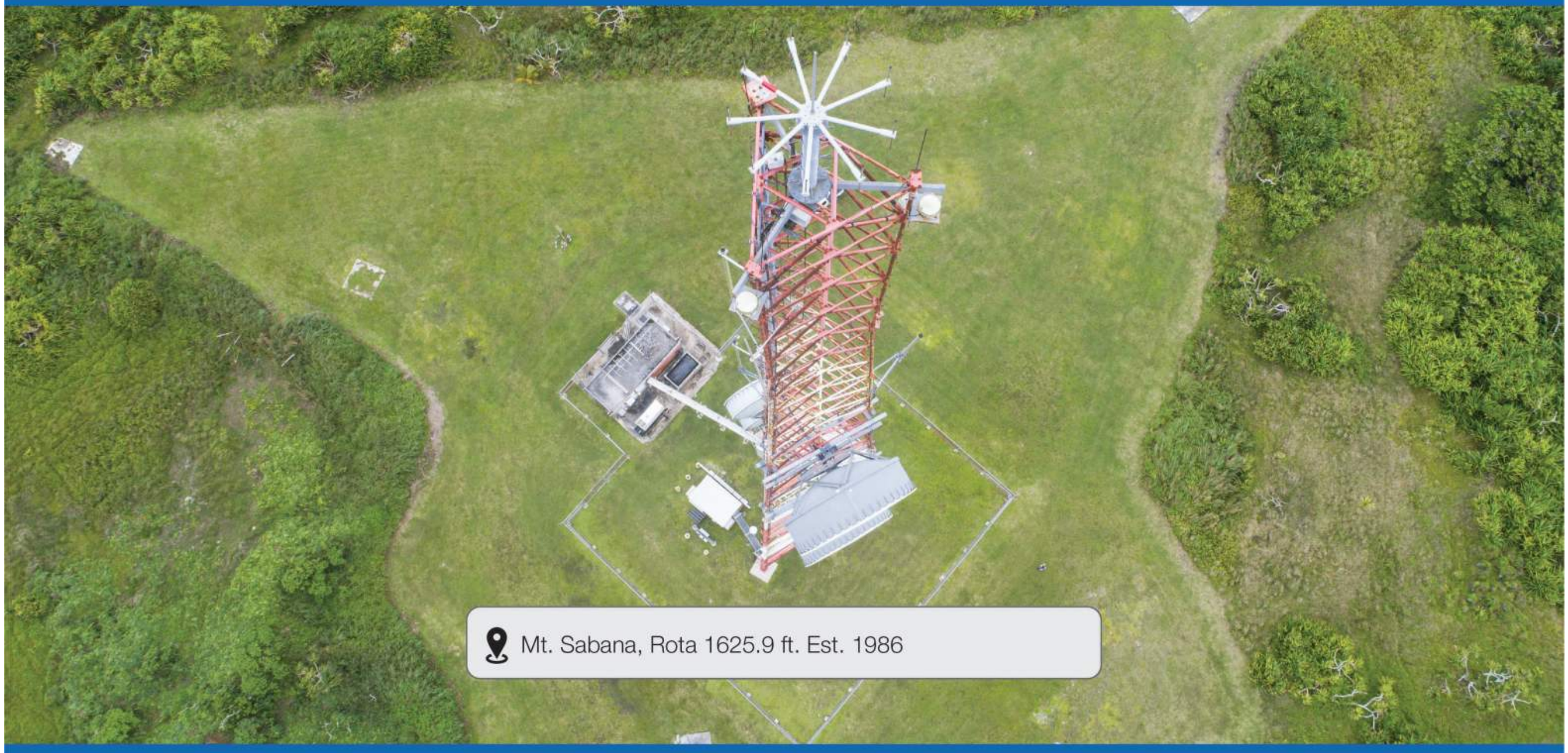

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and other community supporters at the proclamation of Soudelor Commemoration Week on Aug. 1, 2016.

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NMI govt allocates $303K to Soudelor recovery efforts

CARE CNMI would like to recognize the support of the CNMI government in the island's long-term recovery from Typhoon Soudelor.

Since September 2015, CARE CNMI has worked to build a resilient community and to identify, facilitate, and deliver resources and long-term support to address the unmet needs of individuals and families impacted by disaster. After spending months clearing debris from homes, the organization shifted its focus in March 2015 to helping families repair their homes and rebuild safe and secure structures.

In August 2016, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres pledged that the CNMI government would support Typhoon Soudelor long-term recovery. The government's way of supporting long-term recovery is to fund the CARE program, which serves the public interest.

To fulfill that promise, Torres allocated $303,000 to CARE CNMI in the 2016 CNMI government budget. These funds were then approved by the CNMI Legislature to help families recover from Soudelor. The organization has now received this appropriation, in addition to $95,000 from the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's offices in 2016 as well as housing provided by the government for our volunteer construction laborers from September to December 2016.

Over the next year, CARE will use these funds to continue to allocate resources to families in need of repair and rebuilding assistance, with priority going to those with individuals age 65+ or under 3, individuals with disabilities, and families below the poverty level. For more information on how CARE prioritizes families in need of assistance, visit http://carecnmi.org/about/faq.

Since after the typhoon, 365 families have received some form of assistance for their recovery from CARE. Within that population, 140 families have received building materials, labor, or a combination of these resources through the CARE Repair and Rebuild program to build stronger and safer homes. While there are 140 families who have benefited from our Repair and Rebuild Program, there are still 200 who have an immediate need for repair and rebuild work today.

To learn more about CARE's operations and what the CARE network has done to help the community, view the 2016 CARE Impact Report at tinyurl.com/2016careimpactreport or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/carecnmi. ***(PR)***

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Local hire encouraged for CBP personnel

Qualified local residents are being encouraged to apply as Customs and Border Protection officers.

The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said they are looking to decongest the long immigration lines at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport. Torres is expected to meet with officials of CBP, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Marianas Visitors Authority, and other agencies involved.

The influx of cheap flights to Saipan has increased the number of CNMI visitors—welcome news that has also created problems, with tourists having to endure hour-long lines before being cleared to enter the CNMI.

"We're looking at different options that would best fit the CNMI to alleviate the current problems of waiting in line for hours at the airport. There are also plans of installing an automated passport system so visitors or those coming in would be easier to process," the administration had said.

Another option is to tap U.S. citizens in the CNMI to fill the posts needed at CBP.

"It would be best to hire locally and the job also has good pay. It would be hard to get mainland folks to come and work here as CBP officers," added the administration.

Aside from being a U.S. citizen, other basic qualifications to become a CBP officer is having a valid driver's license, passing the CBP entrance exam and urine test, submitting school transcripts and grade-point calculations, not older than 37 years old, and appearing for an oral panel interview.

There are 29 other locations—the states of Arizona, California, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Texas, Vermont, and Washington—in the mainland that are looking for CBP officers. The positions are open until March 31. ***(Jon Perez)***

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Newly inducted members of Mount Carmel School's Sacred Heart Chapter of the National Honor Society gather with Bishop Ryan Jimenez, front, second from right, keynote speaker Dr. Amanda Borja Hughes, front, far left, and school officials.

16 students inducted into MCS honor society

Sixteen high school students were inducted into Mount Carmel School's Sacred Heart Chapter of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held this past week at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

The inductees were selected by a faculty council that reviewed applications from sophomores and upperclassmen who had maintained a grade point average of 3.0 and had demonstrated volunteerism, exemplary behavior, and leadership.

This year's inductees are Ydylle Faye C. Acosta, Alyssa Attao, Aldwin Batusin, Shirley Chao, Quincy Chinen, Louisa Han, Eric Kiser, Min Jung Kim, Giselle Ivy C. Leong, Angelo Manese, Matt Jason Buhayo Moran, Rosalia Francine A. Pangelinan, Reica Jucel A. Ramirez, Karen Sato, Nathaniel Terence Snodgrass, and Cassidy Torres.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony, 2001 AlumKnight and former member of the Sacred Heart Chapter, Dr. Amanda Borja Hughes, challenged inductees and all students to consider how they can make a difference in their world. Sharing a story of community activist Ben Sablan who, in the 1990s, campaigned to have the U.S. military clean up World War II toxic waste in Tanapag, Borja Hughes encouraged students to think of how they can have a positive impact on their communities.

After the ceremony, the inductees and their families were treated to light refreshments in the Joeten Daidai Social Hall.

According to Nathaniel Snodgrass, being inducted into the prestigious society is an honor that motivates him to do more for his school community. "I welcome the new responsibility; it will help me become more mature as I serve others."

Established in 1921, the National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization that recognizes outstanding high school students. Mount Carmel School's chapter was opened in 1997. ***(PR)***

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Hyatt golf classic receives *Variety* donation

Hyatt Regency Saipan welcomes a generous in-kind donation from newspaper publisher *Marianas Variety* for its 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic that will take place on April 22, 2017, at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort west course.

With the contribution, *Marianas Variety* once again joins the golf classic as a platinum sponsor.

Marianas Variety publisher Laila Younis-Boyer presented Hyatt Regency Saipan with a generous donation of media coverage. In addition to advertisement, *Marianas Variety* will exclusively provide a newspaper insert featuring the 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic highlights, sponsors, event partners and beneficiaries.

"Younis Art Studio, parent company of *Marianas Variety*, has been a part of our community for 45 years to date and we take every opportunity to help keep the community thriving," said Younis-Boyer. "We encourage golfers to register early and other organizations to contribute to a notable cause. We are thankful for the opportunity to continue to support the community through this event."

Younis Art Studio established the *Marianas Variety* on March 16, 1972, as an independent publication. This month celebrates its 45th year in the CNMI.

"The media plays an impactful role in our community and we are thankful for the continued support from *Marianas Variety*," said Hyatt general manager Nick K. Nishikawa.

Sponsorship tiers for the 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic:

■ Platinum: $2,000+ in cash or in-kind donations

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■ Bronze: Less than $750 in cash or in-kind donations

Early bird registration is open until Monday, April 17, 2016, at 4pm for a rate of $100 per golfer. For more information contact +1 (670) 234-1234 ext. 26.

Hyatt Regency Saipan, a 321-room hotel, is located in Garapan, Saipan. ***(Hyatt)***

Student contest on sustainable tourism in Guam

The University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability presents the 2017 Sustainable Tourism Video and Essay Contest. The theme this year is "Let's Talk Trash: A look into tourism trash-flow."

Sponsored by Ada's Trust and Investment, Inc. for the third year in a row and the Bank of Guam for the second year, contestants will explore one or more aspects of trash related to tourism on Guam.

"The contest theme offers students a good opportunity to look at aspects of tourism that will impact the long-term sustainability of the industry. The trash left behind from tourism is not something talked about much but will have long-lasting effects if not addressed and handled properly," aid Sonny Ada, president of Ada's Trust and Investment, Inc.

Students can choose to submit a 500-2,000-word essay or a 3- to 7-minute video on the topic.

Submission deadline is Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 12pm.

The written category is only open to UOG students. First and second place winners will receive $500 and $250, respectively.

The video category is open to both UOG and high school seniors of Guam. First and second place winners will receive $1,000 and $500, respectively.

Winners will be presented at the 2017 Island Sustainability Conference on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

For more information, visit www.adascisguamcontest.weebly.com or call 735-2918.

For information about the 2017 Island Sustainability Conference, visit www.uog.edu/cis2017. ***(PR)***

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COTA finalizing public transport system

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority is finalizing plans for a public transportation system on Saipan to make sure of a smooth launch and few problems.

The first bus, which is also accessible to persons with disabilities, has already arrived and would be unveiled "most probably next month," according to the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

COTA would also conduct a dry run to assess the system's routes and study the schedule, inspect where to put bus stations or stops, and determine the price of the fare.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, in earlier interviews, is encouraging the community to consider commuting as an option in going to work, school, or in places on the island.

The new transportation system is being hoped to ease traffic congestion on the road, especially in areas near schools, offices or the Garapan tourist district.

"The [new public transport] system would be able to get workers to their jobs, students to their schools, and give everyday residents an alternative in making their way through our island," said Torres.

Vehicle traffic usually occurs in the morning, especially in areas near schools, where students are being dropped off while people are on their way to work. The same thing happens when people are on their way home, with congestion taking place along Beach Road going to Garapan.

The Department of Public Works is also helping COTA finalize the public transportation system, aside from studying the traffic plans in gridlock areas like the central business district of Garapan where parking problems and foot traffic has also increased.

The planned route will start at the Commonwealth Health Center and would go south on Middle Road toward As Terlaje Hill at the Northern Marianas College. The bus would continue to Shell Dandan, turn right to As Lito and to Han Nam Road in Koblerville and work its way to Beach Road all the way in front of the Hyatt Regency Saipan and back to the hospital.

DPW has also conducted traffic counting in Garapan by monitoring pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Converting the Garapan business and tourist district into a one-way road is part of the traffic plan, aside from constructing a roundabout and installing stoplights.

Pedestrian and vehicular traffic are expected to increase in the coming months especially when Imperial Pacific Resort begins its operations.

Probable cause found to charge ex-MMA fighter

A Superior Court judge found probable cause yesterday to charge a former mixed martial artist of beating up his girlfriend.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ruled that there is probable cause to believe that the crime of assault and battery happened and that the 32-year-old Maitai Kapileo Charley may have committed the offense. Arraignment will be on March 13 at 9am.

The charge of disturbing the peace was dropped.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Charley. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub is prosecuting the case.

Police said Charley punched his girlfriend several times on the right arm and on the back, choked her, and threw an unopened can of beer in her face. The suspect allegedly beat up the victim in the bedroom of their house in Garapan last Feb. 25. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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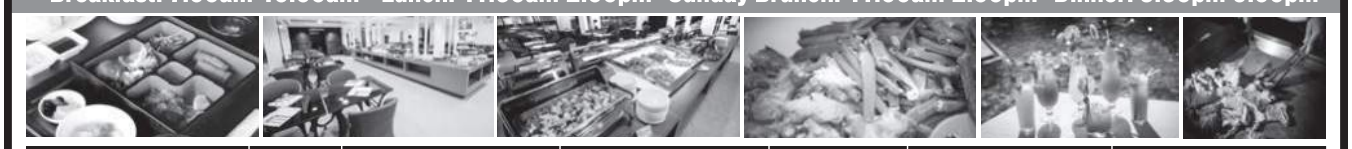

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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CNMI Administrative Code §15-10-205(f) requires all Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) permit applications to be accompanied by a non-refundable DCRM permit application fee in accordance with the fee schedule set. All payments are to be remitted to the CNMI Treasurer.

Effective March 20, 2017, all DCRM permit applicants are required to obtain a payment voucher from DCRM before remitting payment for any and all application fees to the CNMI Treasurer. All payments made to the CNMI Treasurer must be accompanied by a DCRM payment voucher. DCRM will require all receipts of transactions to be accompanied by a payment voucher when submitting any and all applications.

/s/Frances A. Castro
Director
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INVITATION TO BID
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SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 17, 2017 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

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DELIVERY OF ONE TRACTOR & MOWER TO TINIAN AIRPORT SHALL BE 120 DAYS OR SOONER AFTER BID AWARD. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL AT atudela@cpa.gov.mp (Alex Tudela/Procurement Officer) PRIOR TO MARCH 10, 2017.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CPA-RS-001-17

Date of Issuance:	February 24, 2017
Mandatory Pre-proposal Meeting	March 10, 2017
Questions & Clarifications due date	March 10, 2017
Proposal Due Date	March 17, 2017

"Administrative Building Cargo Bay and Dock Floor Slab Repairs West Harbor, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

The Proposal Package and other considerations may be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All questions and/or clarifications shall be directed in writing to Mr. Chris Tenorio or email at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com with copy to Fermin Flores at ferminf@cpa.gov.mp no later than March 10, 2017.

The provisions of the CPA Procurement Regulations, NMIAC Section §40-50-1020 and §40-50-1025 prohibiting gratuities, kickbacks and contingent fees shall apply.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of CPA.

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- IRENE DANIEL S. SIGRAH AND BILL J. SIGRAH, Defendants.) **CIVIL ACTION NO.: 16-0002**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 10, 2017, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 011 G 1368, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 874 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check no. 011 G 25, dated December 9, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 96-2568, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 14th day of February, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 6, 2017, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 011 G 75, containing an area of 770 square meters, more or less, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 011 G 03, dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 93-4411, dated December 16, 1993, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

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DATED, this 9th day of February, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

The cast and production crew of TVBS' "Super Taste" explore Managaha in February 2017 while filming in the Marianas.
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The picturesque beaches of Saipan are featured by TVBS' "Super Taste" in February 2017 while filming in the Marianas.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

'Super Taste' to bring Marianas $6.6M ad exposure

Taiwan's most popular tourism and cuisine program, "Super Taste," is producing several episodes featuring the Marianas worth $6.6 million in ad exposure value.

The Marianas Visitors Authority negotiated to have the show film three episodes in the Marianas on Feb. 22-27, 2017. The 10-million viewers of the show on TVBS will be introduced to cuisine, accommodations, and visitor attractions on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

"'Super Taste' is the No. 1 television travel show enjoyed by all age audiences throughout Asia, Oceania, and North America, and the fact that we could bring them to the Marianas is an incredible opportunity," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Not only did their creative team explore our best Marianas food from a Taiwanese perspective, but the show will also showcase the other tourist amenities the Marianas has to offer."

The media tour was also sponsored by Hong Kong Airlines.

The following eateries and cuisine were filmed: a community "uumw" (earth oven), Garapan Street Market, Boka Boka, Stars & Stripes dinner cruise, Paju Korean restaurant, JC Café, Green Field Lion House, Rota BBQ Restaurant, and Tokyo En. Locations visited included: Grandvrio Resort Saipan beach, Grotto, Mt. Tapochao, Kilili Beach historic tanks, Tinian Blowhole, House of Taga, Chulu Beach, As Nieves Latte Stone Quarry, Swimming Hole, and Song Song Lookout. ***(MVA)***

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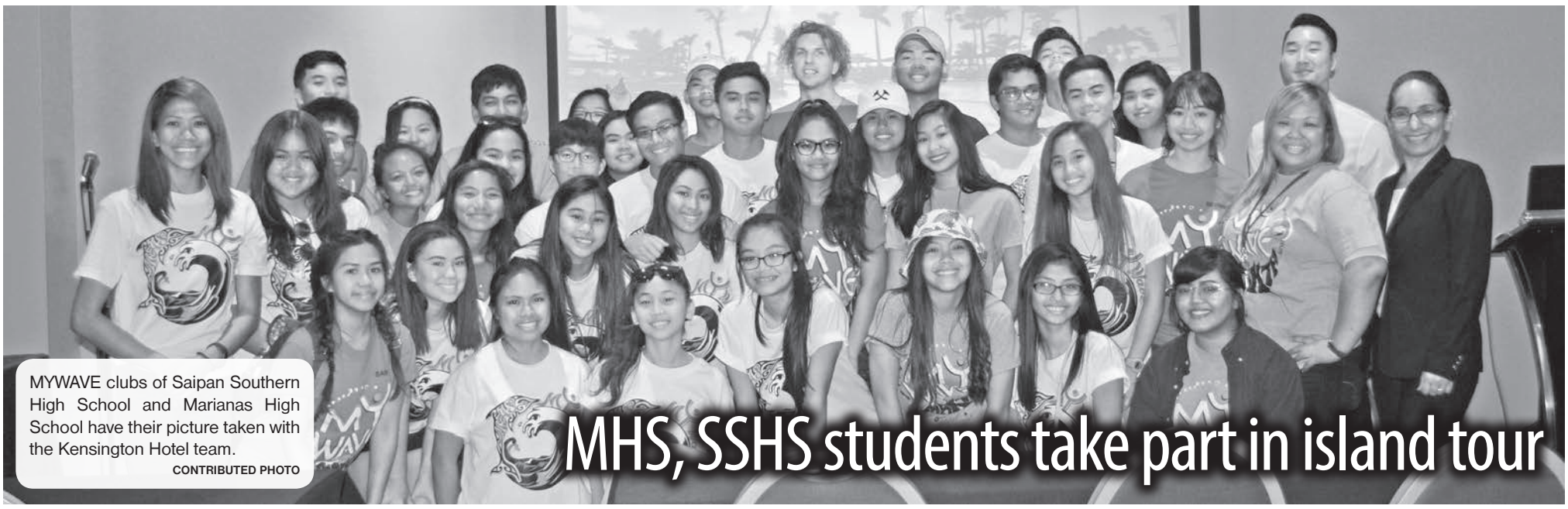

MYWAVE clubs of Saipan Southern High School and Marianas High School have their picture taken with the Kensington Hotel team.
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MHS, SSHS students take part in island tour

Both MYWAVE clubs of Saipan Southern High School and Marianas High School took part in an island tour on March 4, 2017, that was sponsored by Marianas Tourism Education Council and Marianas Visitor's Authority.

The group of 36 students and advisers—Rory Starkey and Rose Ajoste from SSHS and Marizel Hiponia from MHS—toured Saipan's destination sites including Sugar King Park, Bird Island, and Last Command Post.

Kensington Hotel also provided a tour of their facilities, informing students of their different guest services and room types. The excursion was followed by lunch at Micro Beach.

Club members and advisors thank MTEC and MVA for their generous donation and assistance to make this a great learning and memorable experience. "Additionally, thank you to Kensington Hotel, Tasi Tours, and Pizza Hut for their accommodations and services," the students said in a statement. ***(PR)***

Colon Cancer is one of the Top 5 most Diagnosed Cancers in the CNMI

Protect yourself: Know the Facts

What is colon Cancer?
The colon and rectum are parts of the digestive system. Colon cancer begins when cells that are not normal grow inside the colon or rectum. The cancer often begins as a small growth called a polyp. Polyps are not cancer, but they can turn into cancer overtime. Colon cancer is one of the Top 5 most diagnosed cancers in the CNMI.

What are the symptoms?
There usually are no symptoms of colon cancer at first. When the disease is more advanced, common symptoms include blood in the stool, a change in bowel habits, cramps, weight loss, a tired feeling, and nausea.

What is screening?
Screening means looking for signs of disease before symptoms appear. There are several tests that check for signs of colon cancer. Used alone or together, these tests could save your life.

Two common tests are:
Fecal Immunochemical Test: You can do this test every year at home with a kit your health care provider will give you. This test checks for blood in stool.
Colonoscopy: The doctor inserts a thin lighted tube into the rectum and colon to check for polyps or cancer while the patient is under anesthesia.

Why is cancer screening important?
Screening saves lives. Colon Cancer screening is important because there usually are no symptoms at first. A colonoscopy or annual FIT test can find cancer early, it is easiest to treat. Colonoscopy can also find polyps and other growths that are not normal. Removing these growths can stop colon from developing.

Who should be screened?
People age 50 or older should be screened regularly. The chance of getting colon cancer increases with age. More than 90 percent of people of who get colon cancer are age 50 or older. Younger people with other risk factors should talk to their doctor about when and how often to be screened

What are some other risk factors?
Your chance of getting the disease increases if:
- You or a close relative has had colon polyps or colon cancer
- You have inflammatory bowel disease or certain hereditary conditions.

How can I reduce my chance of getting colon cancer?
- Talk with your doctor about which screening test is right for you and how often to be screened. At least 60% of colon cancer deaths could be prevented if everyone age 50 and older got screened regularly.
- Don't smoke.
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Marianas March Against Cancer 2017

Precinct 3 lawmakers want to meet constituents

Precinct 3 representatives are inviting all residents of Chalan Kiya, Chalan Laulau, Oleai, and nearby areas under Precinct 3's jurisdiction to attend a "Talk to Your Reps" event on March 17.

The purpose of the meeting is community outreach for residents of these villages to discuss concerns and share ideas with Reps. Ivan A. Blanco, B.J. Attao, Don Barcinas, Frank Dela Cruz, Joe Itibus, and Ed Villagomez.

The meeting will be held at 6pm and the House chamber of the CNMI Legislature on Capital Hill.

The last "Talk to Your Reps" event was held on March 9, and involved residents of Capital Hill, Sadog Tasi, Papago, and other nearby areas. ***(PR)***

NMC health fair on Saturday

Start your way to a healthier lifestyle by attending tomorrow's health fair organized by the Northern Marianas College's Nursing Club. The health fair will be held tomorrow, March 11, 2017, from 8am to 12pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Fair activities will run from 8am until 12pm and will also feature a 5K Walk starting at 6am. The first 10 participants who finish the 5K Walk will also receive T-shirts. Entrance to the health fair and the 5K Walk is free.

Those who attend the health fair can also take advantage of free health services including free flu immunizations, screenings for blood pressure and blood glucose levels, as well as free HIV and STD testing and counseling.

The CHCC Immunization Program, Maternal Child Health Bureau, Marianas Health Services, the Division of Youth Services, and the Commonwealth Cancer Association will be joining other organizations that will be hosting information and demonstration booths. There will also be presentations from organizations like 500 Sails/ Dolphin Swim Club and a Zumba class by Uncle Ben's Dance Studio.

Participants will also have a chance to win raffle prizes from The Shack, Coca-Cola, Subway, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, and other prizes from other companies in the community. Funds raised will be donated to the NMC's Nursing Club to purchase lancets and other supplies used for community service projects.

The health fair is supported with the assistance from the CNMI Area Health Education Center and other NMC and community volunteers.

For additional information about the NMC Health Fair, contact the NMC Nursing Club at 237-6741/6743. ***(NMC)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Mobile consular outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in coordination with Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago, will hold a mobile consular outreach on Saipan on March 19-22 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Hall in Susupe.

All e-passport applications require "personal appearance". Please wear proper attire (i.e. shirt with collar). Applicants on the list are advised to be present at the venue on the date and time indicated in the schedule.

For more information and confirmation, please call (670)233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos. ***(PR)***

St. Patrick's Day theme parties

Kagman Community Church on Kagman Road will be holding a free St. Patrick's Day party for pre-school and elementary age children on Saturday, March 11, from 10am to noon. We will explore the meaning behind St. Patrick›s Day and have themed games, crafts, and a snack. Church 360 on the fourth floor of the Marianas Business Plaza will also be holding a St. Patrick's Day party for school-age children on Monday, March 13, from 6pm to 7:30pm. Call 256-8171 for more information. ***(PR)***

NMTI's culinary arts class to begin

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute's 2017 spring culinary arts class will kick off on March 21, 2017, from 4pm to 8pm. Courses are twice weekly (Tuesdays and Wednesdays for four months). There is also a mandatory orientation on March 14, 2017, at 4pm at NMTI's Lower Base campus. NMTI's registration process is year-round. For more information regarding this course or other courses, contact Norisa SN Camacho, registrar, at (670) 235-6684 or email nmti@pticom.com. ***(NMTI)***

Ironman 70.3 Saipan

The first-ever Ironman 70.3 Saipan organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Drivers are advised to exercise caution and follow all traffic officer directions, and dog owners are reminded to secure their pets along the race route from Pau Pau Beach north to Marpi and south along Beach Road to San Antonio. The start and finish line at Pau Pau Beach will be closed to vehicle traffic on race day from 5am to 3pm. For more information, contact the Marianas Visitors Authority. ***(PR)***

Power outage on March 14

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, from 9am to 2pm, to de-energize the primary lines to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely replace two rotted primary power poles in Papago along Isa Drive. Areas to be affected: Papago along Isa Drive (Tangan Tangan Dr., Sachet Ln., Dagga Pl., Pengua Pl., Maipe Ln., Palm Tree Pl., Papago Dr., Sosugi Dr., Leet Ln., Tulip P1., Pina Dr., Chetnot P1., Ahgaga Dr., and Amot Ln.). ***(CUC)***

Attention Filipinos in Guam, NMI, FSM, Palau, RMI

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, would like to remind all Filipinos in its jurisdiction to always check the validity of their passports and have them renewed if they have eight months validity or less, taking into consideration the six- to eight-week timeframe a Philippine passport is delivered, to avoid inconvenience in their travels. Philippine passports should be at least six months valid when they travel abroad. ***(PR)***

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM
Babies learn from the time they are born. One of the ways they learn is through hearing. When a baby is born with hearing loss, many sounds and voices are not heard, and the child's speech and language development can be delayed. CHCC implemented newborn hearing as a standard of care and all babies get their hearing screened shortly after birth.
Ask if your baby passed the test. If you have concerns or your baby needs follow up call 236-8709.
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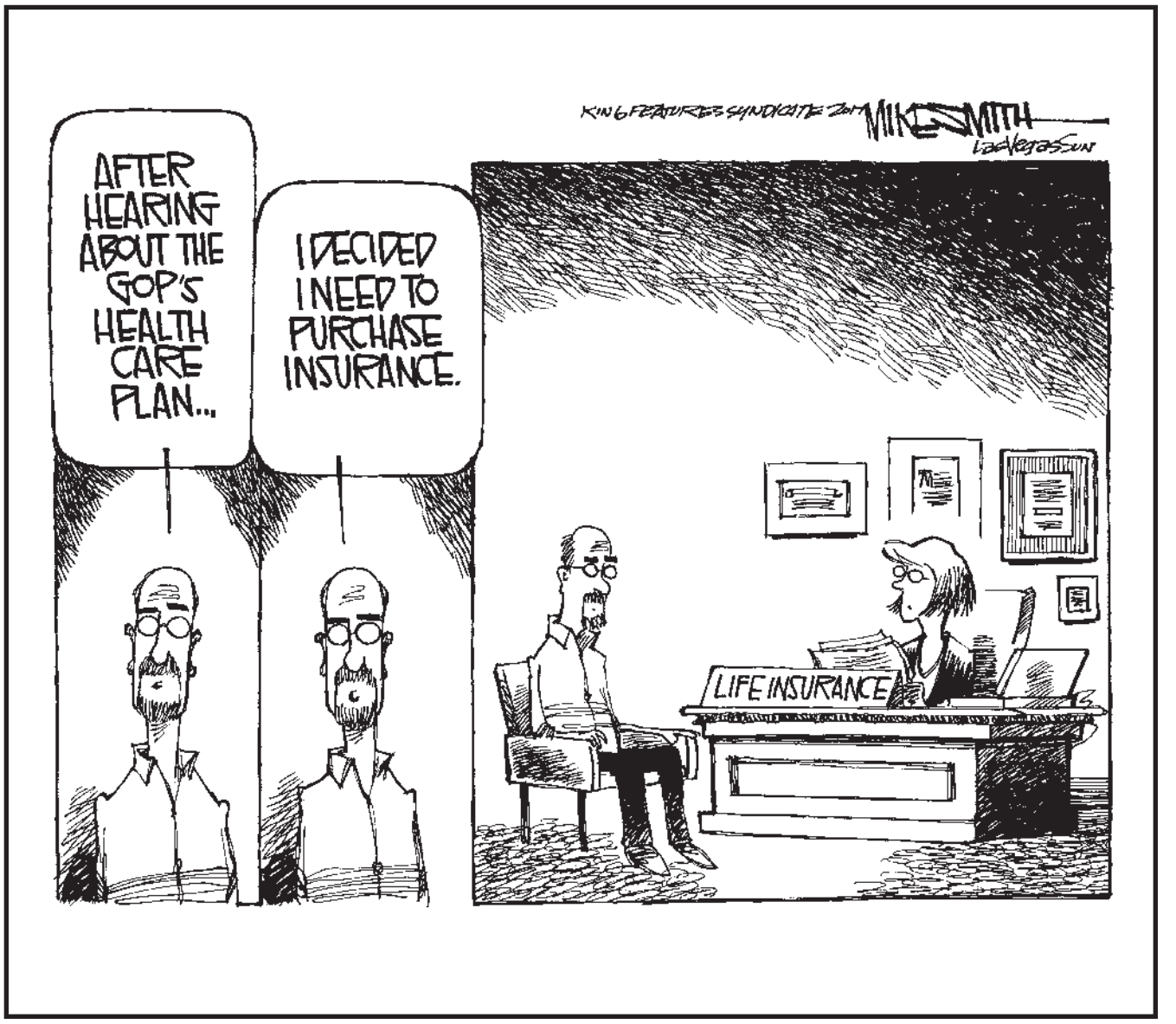
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EDITORIAL

Obamacare repeal fails on two big fronts

Fewer Americans will have health insurance if the Republican alternative to the Affordable Care Act is enacted.

That's the crucial takeaway from the American Health Care Act, because it goes to the heart of the health and financial stability of everyday Americans.

The consensus from analysts from both sides of the political divide is 10 million or more people will lose coverage under the plan, reversing a trend from the past few years that saw the nation reach its lowest uninsured rate ever.

While health insurance is not a panacea, it provides a firm foundation for the needy. An uninsured person is more likely to experience higher rates of personal bankruptcy. A lower coverage rate also could mean more people suffering from otherwise preventable causes. The Affordable Care Act, which extended coverage to an additional 24 million people, saved tens of thousands of lives every year. That progress would be jeopardized.

The replacement of the individual mandate with a 30 percent surcharge on premiums for a year for those who go without insurance for two months may also scare off people who need the insurance.

Don't be fooled by Republican claims that "access to health insurance" is akin to having actual health care coverage. Every American also has access to a BMW dealership—but only a relative handful can afford to buy a new expensive luxury car. That kind of thinking, though, seems to undergird the GOP plan, as evidenced by Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah, who suggested poor people could afford insurance if they just skipped their next iPhone purchase.

The American Health Care Act would make life easier for the healthy and wealthy and harder for the sick and poor.

Premiums and deductibles are expected to increase. The richest Americans would receive millions of dollars in tax breaks as subsidies for the poor are pared back. Corporate executives would receive increased pay with the removal of a cap on deductions.

The ACA helped extend the life of Medicare by roughly a dozen years while helping millions of senior citizens pay for prescription drugs. The GOP alternative may end up shortening the life of Medicare by half a decade or so. Planned Parenthood funding is on the chopping block, and the Medicaid expansion will be phased out.

One of more astounding developments is that the party that lamented that Democrats "crammed" the ACA through the legislative process—even though it included several months of public debate and hearings—plans to begin voting on the replacement before Congress's official scorekeeper can tell us what it will cost.

From a political point-of-view, the American Health Care Act is nonsensical in that it solves few of the problems the GOP claimed needed to be urgently addressed. More importantly, from a humanitarian standpoint, the proposal falls well short of President Donald Trump's promise to "cover everyone," and it unnecessarily endangers lives.

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When errors aren't wrong

By ED STEPHENS JR.
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If you're looking for a loaded phrase to ponder, here's a doozy: "trial and error."

We don't like the term "error," but trial and error is, of course, a useful technique. If I ask you to calculate the square root of 300, for example, you'll probably do it by trial and error, which is to say, by guessing. The "errors" aren't errors at all, as long as they're being intelligently used to guide subsequent guesses. It's more "trial and refinement" than trial and error.

True, it's unlikely that some deranged stranger will walk up to you and ask you about square roots. Anyone working in the tourism industry, however, faces a lot of trial and error anyway.

Buying advertising space in foreign tourism publications, for example, is often a shot in the dark. You never know what's going to happen. If you're averse to making "errors" in this realm, you're not going to get very far. Hiding under your desk isn't going to bring in the customers.

And even once the customers do arrive, it's hard to know how they'll react to the myriad details involved in serving them. I guess that's one reason I like tourism; it's a field that rewards constant tweaking and creativity. I never faced two days that were the same in tourism.

Indeed, the world is too messy to fit within the dry confines of a computer screen. I'm not diminishing the importance of calculation and number-crunching; I'm a total geek for that stuff. And I'm not suggesting that trial and error should be employed outside of reason. I'm saying, by contrast, that it can be done in accordance with reason.

Overall, when it comes to the evolution of industries, businesses, and a lot of other stuff, trial and error was certainly involved. Only in retrospect do these histories look clean and easily explained.

I'll offer another example of trial and error: learning to swim.

If we wanted to take a theoretical approach to swimming, we could study fluid dynamics, read up on the theory of buoyancy, analyze various case studies about good swimmers, and diagram various techniques of swimming. After that, we could all jump into the deep end of a swimming pool and promptly drown.

In the real world, of course, we don't need any theory or calculation in order to learn how to swim. The way we learn is by trial and error. Hopefully, we'll cover the downside by having a teacher nearby and our first sessions in the shallow end; after all, an "error" is one thing, but a fatal error is quite another.

Don't ask me how the body learns to swim at the physiological or psychological level, I have no idea, but it's clearly a result of a lot of iterations of trial and error at an unconscious level. A fancier term might be a feedback loop.

We take trial and error for granted when we're kids since it's just the natural learning process. Nobody who I knew learned how to ride a bike, climb a tree, or throw a baseball by studying equations. We just went outside and figured it out.

Somehow, this instinct gets washed out of us as the years go by and as classroom lectures supplant hands-on engagement. In the classroom, an "error" will count against you on a test. The more errors, the worse the grade. Later on, in corporate settings, the same dynamic applies. Any savvy careerist will avoid taking any risks and thus avoid the corresponding prospect of getting blamed for an "error." That's why so many big companies become ungainly dinosaurs while small upstarts run circles around them. It's not just a clash of scale. It's a clash of cultures.

As a result, the tropics are full of refugees from corporate life who took chances to start dive shops, restaurants, tour companies, inns, and the like. They went back to the concept of tree-climbing, getting back to the hands-on engagement of life, accepting the notion of trial and error.

This brings us back to where we started, back to the term itself. The "error" in trial and error is too broad a term. It covers mistakes that might be reckless, fatal, or stupid, but it also covers useful feedback that's part of the learning process, the creative process, or the business-development process.

Well, such are my thoughts on one of life's most loaded phrases. Now if you'll excuse me, I see that a couple of people are strolling by my beach chair. I'm going to quiz them on square roots.

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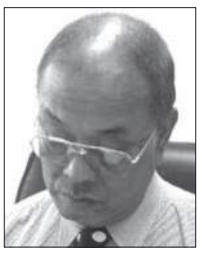
NMI: A welfare state

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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With 51 percent of employees here earning poverty level income, these pearly isles is now a "welfare state." The sum of $24,600 per year for a family of four is the federal definition of "poverty income."

A lot of employees earning well below the federal benchmark obviously have to struggle harder to provide basic family needs daily.

It means that more than half of our people have also turned to federally subsidized programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and housing assistance to muddle through the bad times.

The issue is even louder for many who aren't even earning $24,600 per year. How did the elected elite allow families to sink this low? More specifically, what have you done to improve this situation since three years ago?

History: It's a monstrosity or material evidence of failure by the elected elite in addition to acknowledging that over 46 percent are without health insurance of some sort.

Not so good tidings amidst Trump's decision to cut heavily into entitlement programs to pay for institutional basic infrastructure upgrades and the modernization of the military.

The "solutions driven" team tried to spin the sinking economic conditions with so-called "economic improvements." But then where have your economic improvements gone? Was any of it ever funneled to help the 51 percent or those below the benchmark improve family buying power and to assist those without health insurance?

In other words, you break down the issue to its common denominator only to find that you've failed to empower families NMI-wide. Zero! Did you get that, pal?

Avoiding duty: The NMI has had a history of refusing to impose higher user fee for the $2.1-billion apparel industry when it was here at its peak. It's gone!

Today, the elected elite ignores taxing the casino industry now raking in billions of dollars per month. Why is this the case? Isn't it true the NMI has serious budgetary shortfall? Another *mea culpa* trip to D.C. would have the U.S. Congress breathing fire down the NMI's throat, demanding that it taxes the casino industry. Hmmm! Sad that the lights are on but nobody is home. Hello?

The infraction is rooted in the I Deni` establishment waltzing with denizen corporate sugar daddies. Thus the quiet slide into servility. Furthermore, it is rumored that this relationship is further cemented to pay off next year's gubernatorial race.

Woe! Let's rally and probe this agenda to figure out the beast! Fostering this form of master-slave relationship is very demeaning. Let the "government of the people, for the people and by the people" hail from, yes, "we the people!"

No plans: I remember the vicious thrashing of a set of socio-economic plans years ago by the elected elite who dismissed and subsequently trashed it.

I sensed the laziness and inability to review and understand technical materials. It would have afforded policymakers the opportunity to understand the inter-relationship of issues so they could connect the dots. It was ignored full square!

The NMI would have been better off today than the wobbly fiscal posture it now faces where more than half its people are earning poverty level income. It confirmed one thing: so-called leadership underperformed or failed its fiduciary duty for nearly 40 years!

When we dismantle this failure, the bottom line is the livelihood of our people so corralled to believe everything is fine. We now know with clarity it isn't!

Do we go on repeating the failures of history? Specifically, do we elect people whose warped views of representation focuses solely on solidifying their Cadillac lifestyle with chosen sugar daddies while ignoring the interest of "we the people?"

In retrospect: The NMI had a seven-year guaranteed funding for basic infrastructure. Were these funds used wisely? If so, were efforts taken to improve water, power, sewer and roads over the last 40 years? If so, why is basic infrastructure so inadequate today?

When Japanese investments pioneered tourism here in the late '60s, did we work with them as partners or did we quietly show them we're no longer interested? Didn't we do the same with Korean investors? In light of likely escalation of regional conflict, how would our new investors fare when the feds shutter everything from the Republic of China?

Delusional contentment among the elected elite is blooming. It sits and seems content with complacency. It seems the GOP rhinos are looking forward to collecting its golden eggs from a flock of turkeys.

As conditions deepen, imagine how much lower the poverty income level would be for the 51 percent of employees now adversely pounded by involuntary economic hardship as elitist elected officials live it up with their Cadillac lifestyle. Hello? EVERbody home?

The poverty income level of $24,600 for a family of four remains a dream for many of our people. Hardest hit are those earning far less or immediately above the benchmark figure. And most are found in private industries.

This is where we find kids from impoverished households deal with empty tummies before and after school. Have these families been able to pay sufficiently for food, utility bills, monthly real estate payments (first family home), clothing, school needs, etc.?

Health insurance: The administration also related that some 46 percent, if not more of the population here is without any type of health insurance coverage.

The acknowledgement was rather long without any strong answers to resolve these issues. Or do we accept it as calcified conventional wisdom drowning steadily in its fading mantra, "solutions driven?"

Debts: The explosion and implosion of debt (now at $471 million) is treading on dangerous path lacking a clear picture of the NMI's fiscal posture.

The deepening fiscal mess reminds me of Mahatma Ghandi's answer when asked about problems with Christianity. Said he, "Christians!" Did you get that pal?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Time on Tinian

Please allow me a few lines to congratulate Mayor JP San Nicolas on the very professional manner in which he managed the recent congressional delegation visit to Tinian. The mayor engaged each member of the delegation personally at some time during the tour and made the issue of Tinian's military development memorable for each.

As our "borrowed" PSS bus turned north out of the Tinian commuter terminal and onto Broadway, the mayor stepped into the aisle at the front of the bus between chairman Bishop (R-Utah and one of the most powerful people in D.C.) and Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, who has spent the last several years on the Armed Services Committee working out the details on the transfer of U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam. Because training is essential to Marine Corps operations, she has also been focused on the strategic importance of developing facilities on Tinian and Pagan. As with Kilili, Madeleine has been working with DoD to ensure that local issues and concerns are taken into consideration during the planning process. Congressman Kilili strategically took the seat behind Madeleine, creating an active dialogue between two Marianas delegates and the chairman of the Committee of Natural Resources.

As Kilili has alluded, Mayor JP made an impassioned statement, expressing that the people of Tinian are very patriotic and are not anti-American. Speaking loudly enough for the people in the back of the bus, the mayor said the people understand the need for national security in the Western Pacific, but that the proposed heavy artillery range on Tinian would destroy some of the island's most treasured historical artifacts and create a denuded impact area. That conflicts with the Covenant and the CNMI Constitution, which guarantees the people's right to a quality environment. The bus became rather quiet for a few minutes, dodging potholes in the 70-year-old road, then slowly driving past the 1938 Japanese Hinode Shrine and the 1945 American Memorial Shrine before turning onto Old Boston Post Road for the ride down to North Field.

Congresswoman Bordallo asked about the roads. I informed the delegation that an amendment to the Technical Agreement to the Covenant had transferred the roads on the Military Leaseback Area back to the CNMI, but that the roads on the Exclusive Military Use Area remained with the federal government. And the Municipality of Tinian receives no maintenance funds from either the CNMI or the U.S.

I think both the mayor and I were shocked when Congresswoman Bordallo brought up the subject of the Civilian-Military Advisor Council, asking if it was meeting to resolve the issue. (This advisory council had been created within the original Technical Agreement to resolve local community issues that might arise as the military development proceeded.)

After a brief glance at the mayor, I advised Congresswoman Bordallo that the mayor had written to the governor some time ago, requesting that the council be initiated to discuss such issues as road maintenance, solid and liquid waste disposal, water and power utilities—all of which must be joint operations.

As we turned into North Field, one of the delegation asked me how much Tinian was being paid for use of the land today. I answered, "Nothing." Except what they contract out, such as the fence around the Chiget Mortar Range. All lease fees were paid up front as per the Technical Agreement in 1975 dollars. Regarding future training, if the Marines fly in from Guam on Monday mornings and bivouac on leased lands, then fly out on Friday afternoon to save money for DoD, then there will be little private economic development on Tinian. There will be an initial windfall of business during base construction, but after that, not much.

Looking at Madeleine and Kilili directly, I stated that the real income from the Marine Corps' move to Guam will be what is known as Section 30 money—federal income taxes from military personnel permanently stationed in Guam that will be remitted to the government of Guam for operations annually. Because they will all be based in Guam, none of those funds will come to Tinian or the CNMI. Mayor JP then suggested that perhaps a few of these transfers from Okinawa, perhaps one operational unit, could be based on Tinian. It would mean not only regular revenues for operations on Tinian, but also an opportunity for the people of Tinian to become accustomed to the permanent presence of U.S. military personnel, as Guam has had since the Spanish-American War of 1898. Bordallo glanced at Kilili, then said something to the effect of whatever it takes, let's get this job done.

We got back to the airport late. The codel plane was already warmed up. There wasn't much time for goodbyes. But there were handshakes and meaningful exchanges before the delegation boarded their aircraft. I have no doubt that when the supplemental CJMT is issued, they will remember their time on Tinian and consider what they saw and heard on a three-hour tour of Tinian's leased lands.

Don Farrell
Marpo Heights, Tinian

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the upper 80s.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the upper 80s.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the upper 80s.
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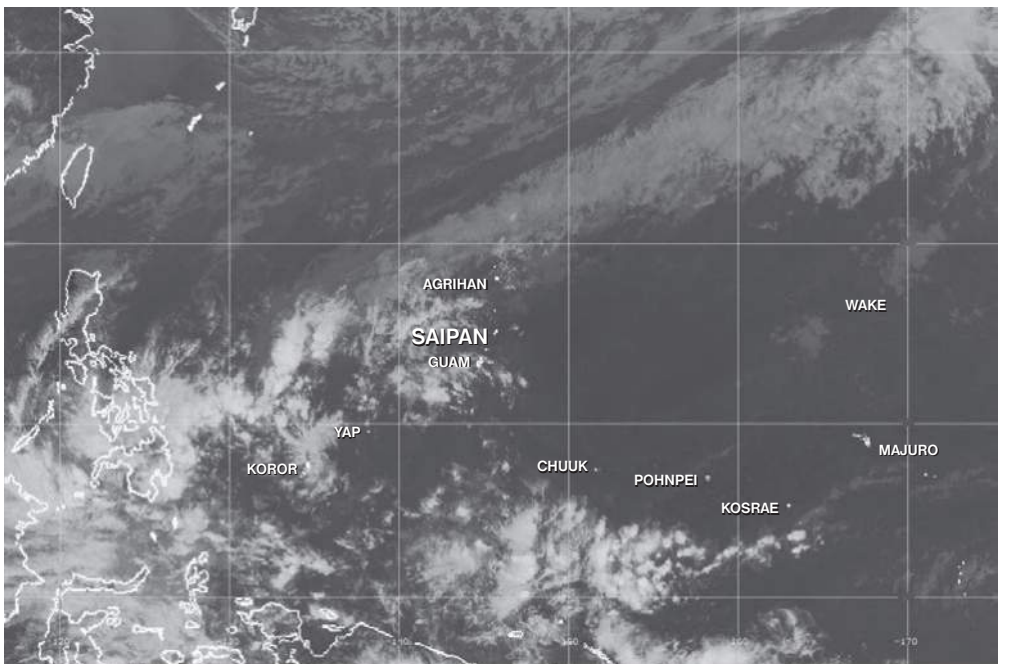

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

With the disturbance moving off to the west, dry weather is settling in for a few days, with only a slight chance of showers tonight through Saturday night. The approach of a shear line will bring isolated showers starting on Sunday. This shear line may stall a day or two near Saipan, but positioning remains uncertain. In any case, drier weather should resume by the middle of next week. Seas will remain at 3-5 feet the next few days, with moderate winds becoming gentle by Saturday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy		84 | 77 °F
Palau	Overcast		86 | 77 °F
Yap	Partly Cloudy		87 | 71 °F
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy		86 | 80 °F
Pohnpei	Overcast		82 | 79 °F
Kosrae	Rain		87 | 80 °F
Majuro	Clear		84 | 81 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy		70 | 67 °F
Beijing	Clear		61 | 30 °F
Hong Kong	Scattered Clouds		74 | 67 °F
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy		81 | 68 °F
London	Mostly Cloudy		59 | 41 °F
Los Angeles	Clear		86 | 56 °F
Manila	Mostly Cloudy		89 | 72 °F
Melbourne	Clear		88 | 60 °F
Miami	Clear		79 | 67 °F
New York	Clear		56 | 38 °F
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy		50 | 42 °F
Paris	Mostly Cloudy		57 | 41 °F
Pusan	Partly Cloudy		45 | 30 °F
Rome	Clear		68 | 44 °F
Salem	Overcast		51 | 48 °F
San Francisco	Clear		49 | 40 °F
Seoul	Scattered Clouds		41 | 26 °F
Tokyo	Clear		51 | 32 °F
Washington, DC	Clear		68 | 43 °F

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12:03 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.17
6:54 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.86
12:37 PM	LOW TIDE	0.93
5:49 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.86

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:28 AM	6:26 PM
Saturday	6:27 AM	6:26 PM
Sunday	6:27 AM	6:26 PM
Monday	6:26 AM	6:26 PM
Tuesday	6:25 AM	6:27 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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Saturday	-	5:16 AM	5:17 PM
Sunday	-	6:01 AM	6:10 PM
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	1:40am	5:00am	1, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/723	3:50am	12:50pm	Daily via ICN
PR1572/318	5:45am	12:20pm	4, 7 via MNL
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

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3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

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MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

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3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR1571	10:25pm	4:45am+1	3, 6
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
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OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
PR307/1571	6:20pm	4:45am+1	3, 6 via MNL
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
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7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
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10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
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1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

TanHolding execs join Rota health walk

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Sinapalo Elementary School students and teachers and TanHoldings executive and employees pose for a photo after the turnover ceremony of shirts from the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

ROTA—TanHoldings executives and employees were among the more than 100 individuals who participated in the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Health Walk on Rota last Saturday morning.

The visitors walked and ran along the course, which covered a distance of nearly three miles and started at the Joaquin Mesngon Ogo Baseball Field in Sinapalo, with the turnaround point at the scenic Alaguan Bay Lookout.

"We've been doing fun runs and other similar activities on Saipan and this time we would like to get involved in the promotion of a healthy and active lifestyle on Rota. It's just fortunate that we came here on the weekend they are observing the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, so we are very happy to do this activity with Rota residents and enjoy the beauty of the island," TanHoldings president Jerry Tan said.

Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, Rota Sen. Teresita Santos, students from Sinapalo Elementary School and Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior and Senior High School, government officials and employees, healthcare workers, and individuals with developmental disabilities joined TanHoldings executives and employees in the weekend event, which was capped with a health screening (blood and cholesterol testing and blood pressure checking).

"This is a very good activity for the people of Rota—young and old—and we're happy to have TanHoldings employees join us in this event and see for themselves how beautiful and welcoming our island is. I hope we could hold more walking/running activities like this to encourage our residents to go out more and be active to achieve a healthier lifestyle," the mayor added.

The walk also doubled as one of the activities for the island's celebration of Women's Month, according to Rota Mayor's Office special assistant for programs and grants Aubry Hocog.

In the coming weeks, Rota's women's group will be going to school to introduce women who played important roles in shaping the island's history. The group will also hold a summit later this month to discuss issues affecting women on Rota, such as healthcare, education, work, environment, culture, and leadership.

Meanwhile, TanHoldings sponsored the shirts given to participants in the walk and also donated shirts to staff members of the Rota Mayor's Office and the island's students. After the donation, the company's executives and employees had cleanup drives in Sinapalo and some beaches.

"Rota is counting on its pristine beaches and clean and green surroundings to attract tourists on the island and we at TanHoldings would like to contribute to Rota's efforts in maintaining cleanliness around the island while we are here and enjoying the resident's exemplary hospitality," TanHoldings vice president for corporate affairs Catherine Attao-Toves said. ***(PR)***

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Rota residents and TanHoldings executive and employees join the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Health Walk on Rota last Saturday morning.

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Business

Industry groups oppose GOP health bill, Ryan seeks unity

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pivotal industry and consumer groups mounted intensifying opposition to the Republican health care bill as GOP leaders labored Wednesday to rally a divided party behind their high-stakes overhaul drive. Lawmakers cast Congress' initial votes on the legislation as House Speaker Paul Ryan praised the proposal as "what good, conservative health care reform looks like."

The American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association and AARP, the nation's largest advocacy group for older people, were arrayed against the GOP measure. Seven years ago their backing was instrumental in enacting President Barack Obama's health care statute, which President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans are intent on erasing.

The hospitals—major employers in many districts—wrote lawmakers complaining about the bill's cuts in Medicaid and other programs and said more uninsured Americans seem likely, adding, "We ask Congress to protect our patients." Groups representing public, children's, Catholic and other hospitals also expressed opposition.

Early Wednesday, leaders began pushing the legislation through two committees—Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce—but as nighttime set in neither panel seemed near final approval.

GOP leaders faced rebellion within their own ranks, including from conservative lawmakers and outside conservative groups. Top Republicans knew if the upheaval should snowball and crush the legislation it would be a shattering defeat for Trump and the GOP, so leaders hoped passage by both House committees would give them momentum.

In words aimed at recalcitrant colleagues, Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters: "This is what good, conservative health care reform looks like. It is bold and it is long overdue, and it is us fulfilling our promises." The last was a nod to campaign pledges by Trump and many GOP congressional candidates.

Outnumbered Democrats used the panels' meetings for political messaging, futilely offering amendments aimed at preventing the bill from raising deficits, kicking people off coverage or boosting consumers' out-of-pocket costs. They tried unsuccessfully to insert language pressuring President Donald Trump to release his income tax returns, and failed to prevent Republicans from restoring insurance companies' tax deductions for executive salaries above $500,000—a break Obama's law killed.

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Nation

Women go on strike in US to show their economic clout

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Many American women stayed home from work, joined rallies or wore red Wednesday to demonstrate how vital they are to the U.S. economy, as International Women's Day was observed with a multitude of events around the world.

The Day Without a Woman protest in the U.S. was put together by organizers of the vast women's marches that drew more than 1 million Americans the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration.

The turnout on the streets this time was much smaller in many places, with crowds often numbering in the hundreds. There were no immediate estimates of how many women heeded the call to skip work.

"Trump is terrifying. His entire administration, they have no respect for women or our rights," said 49-year-old Adina Ferber, who took a vacation day from her job at an art gallery to attend a demonstration in New York City. "They need to deal with us as an economic force."

The U.S. event—inspired in part by the Day Without an Immigrant protest held last month—was part of the U.N.-designated International Women's Day.

In a message, U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres said leadership positions are predominantly held by men, and "outdated attitudes and entrenched male chauvinism" are widening the economic gender gap. Closing that gap would add $12 trillion to global GDP by 2025, he said.

Gueterres also lamented that "around the world, tradition, cultural values and religion are being misused to curtail women's rights, to entrench sexism and defend misogynistic practices."

In Warsaw, thousands of women showed Poland's conservative government red cards and made noise with kitchenware to demand full birth control rights, respect and higher pay.

In Rome, hundreds of women marched from the Colosseum to demand equal rights. Thousands marched in Istanbul, despite restrictions on demonstrations imposed since last year's failed coup. Turkish police did not interfere.

Women also held rallies in Tokyo and Madrid.

Germany's Lufthansa airline arranged for six all-female crews to fly into Berlin. Sweden's women's soccer team replaced the names on the backs of the players' jerseys with tweets from Swedish women. Finland announced a new $160,000 International Gender Equality Prize.

A crowd of about 1,000 people, the vast majority of them women, gathered on New York's Fifth Avenue in the shadow of Trump Tower. Women wore red and waved signs reading "Nevertheless she persisted," ''Misogyny out of the White House now" and "Resist like a girl." Thirteen people were arrested for blocking traffic, police said.

School in such places as Prince George's County, Maryland; Alexandria, Virginia; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, canceled classes after hundreds of teachers and other employees let it be known they would be out. In Providence, Rhode Island, the municipal court closed for lack of staff members.

In Washington, more than 20 Democratic female representatives walked out of the Capitol to address a cheering crowd of several hundred people.

Dressed in red, the lawmakers criticized efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and eliminate federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-17-IFB-009

PINE DRIVE ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) is soliciting sealed bids for the Pine Drive Road and Drainage Improvement, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **March 3, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred **Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

Breach of Ethical Standard

- *Gratuities.* It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor. **NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 (a)**
- *Kickbacks.* It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order. **NMIAC 70-30.3-725 (b)**
- *Contingent fees.* It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. **NMIAC 70-30.3-730**

There will be a **Pre-bid** Conference for this project on **March 21, 2017** 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **April 4, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.
The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-17-IFB-009"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, April 7, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, April 7, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **April 7, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **April 20, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, April 24, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on April 7, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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ACROSS THE NATION

VA expands mental health care for discharged veterans

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Department of Veterans Affairs will offer urgent mental health care beginning this summer to thousands of former service members with less-than-honorable discharges, part of its expanded initiative to stem stubbornly high rates of suicide. VA Secretary David Shulkin said Wednesday the additional coverage was needed to help former service members who are more likely to have mental health distress. He said the department couldn't wait for legislation and needed to act now, noting that the vast majority of veterans who took their lives had not been connected to VA care. "This is a national emergency that requires bold action," Shulkin said. "Far too many veterans have fallen victim to suicide, roughly 20 every day." By June or July, the VA said it will specifically provide the mental health care to those with "other than honorable" discharges from the military, typically for misconduct such as violence or use of illegal drugs. Currently, such discharges can prevent veterans from receiving federal benefits. Shulkin, who has called suicide prevention a top priority, said the VA also would begin to see the former service members right away at VA emergency departments if they urgently need it.

2 Marine women say photos of them put online without consent

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A former Marine and an active-duty Marine came forward Wednesday to say photographs taken of them were secretly posted online without their consent along with nude photos of other servicewomen that have led to threatening replies and a military investigation. It comes as another former Marine who helped found a victims' group said the social media postings have been going on for more than a decade but superiors ignored complaints from female service members. Gen. Robert Neller, the Marine Corps commandant, has condemned the photo sharing and urged victims to report abuse. Active-duty Marine Marisa Woytek and former Marine Erika Butner appeared at a news conference in Los Angeles to applaud the investigation into sharing of naked photos of women on a secret Facebook page called "Marines United." Woytek and Butner each said they learned that clothed photos were posted without their consent.

Decapitation case: Suspect says he 'felt like' killing

LOUISBURG, N.C. (AP)—A man accused of decapitating his mother told authorities that he stabbed her numerous times because he "felt like it," according to newly released court documents. The suspect told a 911 dispatcher that he stabbed his mother eight times and left the knife in her mouth, according to a copy of the search warrant filed Tuesday afternoon with the court clerk. Asked why he killed her, he told the dispatcher "because I felt like it," according to the court document. When asked whether he had checked to see if his mother was still breathing, he responded: "She's dead." He also told the dispatcher his 4-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother were in the house in Zebulon, about 30 miles east of Raleigh, and his father was elsewhere. Authorities say the younger children were not hurt, and a teenage brother was at school.

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Asia

IS gunmen in white lab coats kill 30 in Kabul hospital

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Gunmen wearing white lab coats stormed a military hospital in Afghanistan's capital on Wednesday, killing at least 30 people and wounding dozens in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group.

The attack on the 400-bed military facility, located near two civilian hospitals in Kabul's heavily-guarded diplomatic quarter, set off clashes with security forces that lasted several hours.

The brazen assault reflected the capability of militant groups in Afghanistan to stage large-scale and complex attacks in the heart of Kabul, underscoring the challenges the government continues to face to improve security for ordinary Afghans.

Gen. Dawlat Waziri, a Defense Ministry spokesman, said there were "more than 30 killed and more than 50 wounded" in the attack. Afghan forces battled the attackers floor by floor, he added. The ministry said the attackers were dressed like health workers.

According to Waziri, four gunmen were involved, including two suicide bombers who detonated their explosives vests once the group was inside the hospital.

The two other attackers were shot dead by security forces, the spokesman said. A member of the security forces was killed in the shootout and three other security officers were wounded. Along with the suicide vests, the attackers also had AK-47 rifles and hand grenades, Waziri said.

Obaidullah Barekzai, a lawmaker from southern Uruzgan province, said Wednesday's attack by the Islamic State group and other similar assaults, especially in the capital, are very concerning.

"This is not the first attack by the Islamic States group, they have carried out several bloody attacks in Kabul," he said.

The U.N. Security Council condemned "the heinous and cowardly terrorist attack" in the strongest terms and underlined the need to bring perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors to justice.

Council members reiterated that "any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed." They urged all countries "to combat by all means ... threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts."

The assault lasted for several hours, with Afghan helicopters circling over the hospital building, troops rappelling onto rooftops and security forces going floor-by-floor in a gunbattle with the attackers. By mid-afternoon, the attack was over and a clean-up operation was underway.

Abdul Qadir, a hospital worker who witnessed the attack, said an attacker in a white coat shot at him and his colleagues. Ghulam Azrat, another survivor, said he escaped through a fourth floor window after attackers killed two of his friends.

IS claimed the attack in a statement carried by its Aamaq news agency.

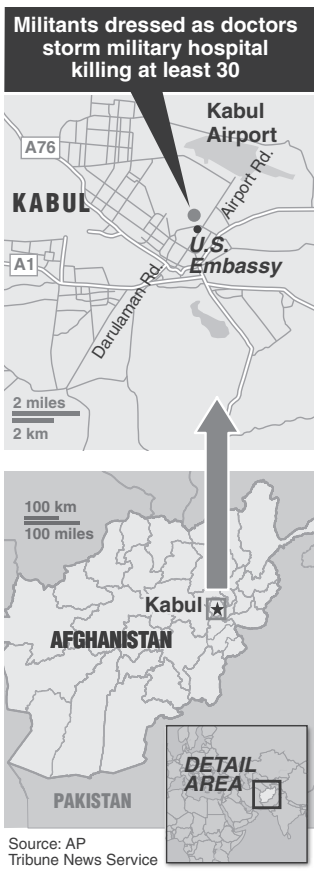
An affiliate of the extremist group has carried out a number of attacks in Afghanistan in the last two years, and has clashed with the more powerful and well-established Taliban, who carried out another complex attack in Kabul last week.

Mohammad Nahim, a restaurant worker in Kabul, said he worries that IS militants are getting stronger. "Daesh has no mercy on the humanity," he added, using an Arabic name for the group.

Afghan security forces have struggled to combat both groups since the U.S. and NATO formally concluded their combat mission at the end of 2014, switching to an advisory and counter-terrorism role.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani condemned Wednesday's attack during an address in honor of International Women's Day, calling it "an attack on all Afghan people and all Afghan women."

The foreign ministry in neighboring Pakistan condemned the Kabul attack, describing it as a "heinous terrorist attack" and expressing Islamabad's condolences to the victims.



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ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippine top diplomat loses job over US passport

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine lawmakers have rejected the appointment of Perfecto Yasay as the top diplomat after his flip-flopping statements first denying then admitting he was once a U.S. citizen. When he first appeared before the congressional Commission on Appointments last month, Yasay denied ever holding U.S. citizenship. During Wednesday's hearing, he admitted being granted U.S. citizenship in 1986 but maintained that citizenship was void because he abandoned his U.S. residency. Filipino citizenship is a requirement for appointment to the executive branch. Sen. Panfilo Lacson said that his Foreign Affairs Committee has unanimously endorsed rejecting Yasay's appointment as secretary of foreign affairs. According to Lacson, Yasay is considered out of job. The Department of Foreign Affairs says it will wait for President Rodrigo Duterte to appoint Yasay's replacement.

Yasay did not comment immediately.

Police say terror suspect killed in gunbattle in north India

LUCKNOW, India (AP)—Police said Wednesday they had killed a man suspected of masterminding the bombing of a passenger train that injured eight people this week in India. An anti-terrorist police squad engaged the suspect in an 11-hour gunbattle overnight, after tracking him down at the home of a Muslim cleric in the city of Lucknow, according to senior police official A. Satish Ganesh in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Ganesh identified the slain suspect as Saifullah, and said he was wanted in connection with Tuesday's train blast near Bhopal in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. Indian police on Tuesday arrested and questioned four suspects in Madhya Pradesh, leading to tips that drove police in Uttar Pradesh to arrest two more suspects in the city of Kanpur, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) southwest of Lucknow. The suspects said they had been hired by a man called Saifullah, whom they said was a sympathizer of the Islamic State terror group and was hiding in a Muslim neighborhood in Lucknow.

Man claiming he's slain North Korean's son says he's safe

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A man claiming to be the son of the slain half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has appeared in a YouTube video saying he's safely with his mother and sister.

Kim Jong Nam was killed by two women who rubbed a prohibited nerve agent on his face at an airport in Malaysia on Feb. 13, according to Malaysian police. Kim Jong Un was widely suspected to be behind his brother's murder to eliminate a potential challenger to his rule. Subsequently, there have been worries about the safety of Kim Jong Nam's son Kim Han Sol, who described his uncle Kim Jong Un as a "dictator" during a rare 2012 interview with Finnish television.

"My name is Kim Han Sol from North Korea, part of the Kim family," the man says in English in the 40-second YouTube clip uploaded Wednesday. "My father has been killed a few days ago. I'm currently with my mother and my sister. ... We hope this gets better soon."

An official at South Korea's National Intelligence Service said the NIS had determined that the man in the video is Kim Han Sol. The public affairs official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing department rules, didn't explain how his agency confirmed the man's identity.

NIS officials gave the same confirmation to the office of a lawmaker who sits on South Korea's intelligence committee without saying how it reached such a conclusion, according to an aide to the lawmaker. The aide requested anonymity for both himself and the lawmaker, saying they weren't authorized to give the information to the press.

The NIS has a spotty record on reporting developments in North Korea. But a private voice analysis institute in Seoul said there was a "high probability" that Kim Han Sol in the 2012 interview, which can also be found on YouTube, and the man in the latest video clip were the same speaker.

"It's right to determine they are the same person," said Lee Cheul-houng, head of the Transcription Analysis Laboratory.

The man in the latest video doesn't talk about the whereabouts of his family or how they were being protected. The video was posted on the YouTube channel of Cheollima Civil Defense, which describes itself as a group helping North Korean defectors.

The group said on its website that it responded to an "emergency request" last month by three members of Kim Jong Nam's family and relocated them to safety. The group expressed gratitude to the Netherlands, China, the United States and a "fourth government to remain unnamed" for providing assistance in protecting the three.

South Korea's Unification Ministry said it had no knowledge of the Cheollima group.

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World

At least 22 dead as fire ravages youth shelter in Guatemala

AP
National Police safeguard the entrance to the Virgen de la Asunción children's shelter, in San Jose Pinula, Guatemala, on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

SAN JOSE PINULA, Guatemala (AP)—The trouble started with a mass escape. Dozens of teens held in an overcrowded state-run shelter on the outskirts of Guatemala's capital flooded through the gates Tuesday evening, most only to be caught and locked down in their dorms.

On Wednesday morning someone set fire to mattresses in the girls' section of the rural campus, authorities said. The blaze quickly spread through two dorms, killing at least 22 girls and injuring dozens more, most with second- and third-degree burns.

Distraught parents scribbled their children's names on pieces of paper to pass to shelter staff begging for information. They went to the two local hospitals and the morgue.

Authorities worked to identify victims, but said DNA tests might be necessary for some remains. At Roosevelt Hospital, Dr. Marco Antonio Barrientos asked parents waiting outside for information to come back with photographs, dental records and details about tattoos or other distinctive features.

Piedad Estrada, a street vendor, arrived at the hospital with a photograph of her 16-year-old daughter. She said the teen was pregnant and had been at the shelter for nine days because she ran away from home.

Estrada searched at the hospitals and the morgue, but got no information. She showed the photo to workers at one hospital, but they said they had five girls who were completely bandaged so they could not be sure.

"They only took her from me to burn her," Estrada said. "I blame the state for what has happened."

Late Wednesday at the morgue, Patricia Ramirez said her 15-year-old granddaughter Achly Gabriela Mendez Ramirez was one of the dead. She said her daughter, the girl's mother, had identified Achly's burned body at the shelter earlier in the day, but authorities said they would not release her body until there was a DNA test.

Ramirez said the family was from a region east of the capital in Jutiapa department and Achly had been at the home for one year.

Ambulances had hurried to the hospitals throughout the morning carrying the injured, some partially naked, burned bright pink with large flaps of skin hanging from their bodies.

A 15-year-old girl being treated for minor injuries at Roosevelt Hospital said she and other girls had sought refuge on the roof of their dorm after the disturbances began, fearful of being attacked by other youths. By morning she said she could see the fire in a nearby building.

"I saw the smoke in the place. It smelled like flesh," the girl said.

Hours after the fire, the government in a statement expressed its condolences to the victims' families and promised a thorough investigation. It said that before the incident it had asked that the shelter transfer youths with criminal histories who were there on judges' orders to other facilities, but that had not happened. It said the director had been fired.

Surrounded by trees and a 30-foot wall, the Virgin of the Assumption Safe Home was built to hold 500 young residents, but at the time of the fire housed at least 800. The residents were a mix of children in protective custody who had been victims of abuse as well as older youths with criminal records who had served their sentences but had nowhere else to go.

After lengthy mission, UN peacekeeper pullout looms in Haiti

CITE SOLEIL, Haiti (AP)—A few dozen Brazilian troops wearing the blue helmets of the U.N. military force stroll through a dense warren of shacks in Haiti's most notorious slum, facing no greater threat than a few barking dogs along some of the same streets where pitched gunbattles between gangs and peacekeepers used to be a daily occurrence.

Years of easygoing patrols like the one on this recent afternoon in the steamy seaside district of Cite Soleil is a clear sign to many both in Haiti and around the world that it's time to wrap up a U.N. force that has been cycling through this Caribbean country since a 2004 rebellion engulfed Haiti in violence.

"We have a secure and stable environment," Col. Luis Antonio Ferreira Marques Ramos, deputy commander of the Brazilian peacekeeper contingent, told The Associated Press. "The important thing is to leave in a good way."

With a steady downsizing of Haiti peacekeeping operations in recent years and the U.S. administration of President Donald Trump pushing for cutbacks, the U.N. is looking at sending home 2,358 soldiers from 19 contributing countries, perhaps within months. U.N. peacekeeping chief Herve Ladsous said during a recent trip to Haiti that the military component "is likely to disappear in the relatively near future," though officials have not spoken publicly about the roughly 2,200 foreign police who accompany them.

Washington, the Haiti mission's main check-writer, is also applying pressure as it reviews all 16 U.N. peacekeeping missions. A diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity because the conversations were private, has told the AP that the new U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, has spoken about winding up the Haiti peacekeeping operation, which is known by its French acronym, MINUSTAH.

"MINUSTAH in Haiti is a very good example of a mission that has basically done its job. So we'll be very happy for that one to close down," Britain's U.N. ambassador, Matthew Rycroft, said at a news conference at the world body's headquarters in New York.

The U.N. Security Council is expected to decide on a reconfiguration of the $346 million-a-year U.N. mission in mid-April after reviewing Ladsous' recommendations.

Still, sending troops packing does not mean the end of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

Operations such as UNICEF and the World Food Program also would remain. And analysts say officials are considering keeping the civilian staff in place along with a U.N. police component to continue building up and training the Haitian National Police.

"This would be unprecedented in U.N. peacekeeping history. Normally, police only serve in peacekeeping missions with military support and backup. But it's a creative option to reduce the mission's size and cost as MINUSTAH gradually works toward a full exit," said Aditi Gorur, who researches peacekeeping issues as a director of the Washington-based Stimson Center think tank.

Rubble and ash in Mosul museum retaken from Islamic State

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—The antiquities museum in the Iraqi city of Mosul is in ruins. Piles of rubble fill exhibition halls and a massive fire in the building's basement has reduced hundreds of rare books and manuscripts to ankle-deep drifts of ash.

Associated Press reporters were granted rare access to the museum on Wednesday after Iraqi forces retook it from the Islamic State group the day before.

After examining AP photographs of the destruction, two Iraqi archeologists confirmed that many of the artifacts destroyed by IS were the original ancient stone statues dating back thousands of years, rather than replicas as some Iraqi officials and experts previously claimed.

IS captured Mosul in 2014 and released a video the following year showing fighters smashing artifacts in the museum with sledgehammers and power tools. The voice narrating the IS video justified the acts with verses from the Quran referencing the prophet Mohammed's destruction of idols in the Kaaba.

"These statues and idols, these artifacts, if God has ordered its removal, they became worthless to us even if they are worth billions of dollars," the narration said.

The sacking of the Mosul museum was just a single act in nearly three years of systematic destruction of Iraq's cultural heritage at the hands of IS. The militants leveled ancient palaces, temples and churches throughout Nineveh province and beyond, often releasing videos boasting of their acts. IS has even demolished some mosques, saying they were used to venerate saints, which IS considers a form of polytheism.

Inside the Mosul museum's main exhibition hall, the floor was littered with the jagged remains of an ancient Assyrian bull statue and fragments from cuneiform tablets.

"These are the remains of a lamassu and the lions of Nimrud," Layla Salih, an Iraqi archaeologist and former curator of the Mosul museum said as she examined AP photographs of the remains. Salih said when IS took over Mosul, the museum housed two massive lamassu statues—winged lions recovered from the ancient Assryrian city of Nimrud.

"They were priceless," she said, "they were in perfect condition."

Hiba Hazim Hamad, a former archaeology professor in Mosul, confirmed Salih's assessment, saying she believed the building held hundreds of ancient artifacts at the time IS overran the city, "thousands if you count the small pieces," she added.

Adjoining rooms on the two main floors were largely empty save for a set of carved wooden coffins and doors left untouched. There were also smaller piles of rubble from what appeared to be additional destroyed artifacts, but the stones were crushed beyond recognition.

Hamad said these could be the remains of destroyed replicas, but even if replicas were on display, the original pieces would have still been inside the museum in the basement safe when IS overran the building.

Off The Wall

Police say woman in labor asked for an injection of heroin, methamphetamine

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)— A woman in labor demanded a friend inject her with heroin and methamphetamine before firefighters arrived at their home and she gave birth while entering an ambulance, New Hampshire police said Wednesday.

Police in Concord arrested Felicia Farruggia, 29, of Concord, this week, about six months after her son was born. He is in state custody.

Police also arrested Rhianna Frenette, 37, of Belmont, who is accused of giving Farruggia the drugs. They're charged with felony reckless conduct. Frenette also faces a misdemeanor count on the same offense.

"This case is just, honestly, absolutely appalling in my mind," Lieutenant Sean Ford said. "No one died, but the risk to that child and to the mother. ... This stuff is just getting out of control."

Both women were arraigned from jail on Wednesday; bail was set at $25,000 for Frenette and $15,000 for Farruggia. It wasn't immediately known whether they had attorneys; the public defender's office in Concord said it had no record that the cases were assigned.

Police say Frenette used an unsanitary syringe to try to inject Farruggia at least once before she was successful. After that, Farruggia's boyfriend called 911. Shortly afterward, firefighters arrived, and Farruggia gave birth while entering the ambulance.

A police affidavit said while at the hospital, the baby was in stable condition but was breathing rapidly, something that could have been caused by a number of conditions. His urine was positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine. His mother's urine was positive for those drugs and benzodiazepine.

According to the affidavit, Farruggia said she started having contractions, went to the bathroom and lay on the floor. She asked Frenette to come in, as she was screaming and crying and said, "I can't do this," referring to the labor pain. She said Frenette had heroin and told her "it would take the edge off." She said she didn't stop Frenette from injecting her.

But Frenette told police that when she went into the bathroom, she saw Farruggia trying to inject herself, essentially "mutilating herself with the needle," which broke. Frenette said she took a used needle provided by someone else and "shot out probably more than half" of the substance inside it before injecting the rest into Farruggia. She said the ambulance was called after that.

Frenette told police she acknowledged that what she did was wrong, but believed that Farruggia would have injected herself with more of the drug, believed to be heroin, if she hadn't intervened. Frenette also said she herself was likely high on methamphetamine.

Both women have criminal records; Farruggia also has been involved in "guardianship of a minor" cases, an individual parenting petition and a custody petition, going back to 2005.

A spokesman for the state Health Department, which oversees the Division of Children Youth and Families, said that in order to protect client confidentiality, he could not confirm whether the agency is involved in a case.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-017

KOBLERVILLE SUMP ABANDONMENT AND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Koblerville Sump Abandonment and Water System Improvements in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new transmission and distribution lines, cut and cap of existing lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of air relief valves, new sample taps, and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **220 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **March 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "*CUC-IFB-17-017, Koblerville Sump Abandonment and Water System Improvements"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 23rd, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on March 10, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org and to Travis Spaeth, CUC Project Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org .

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-019

GROUND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR CUC WATER & WASTEWATER FACILITIES, SAIPAN

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water and Wastewater facilities in Saipan, in compliance with USEPA inspection and sanitary survey requirements.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by a site visit is scheduled for **March 2, 2017** at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Saipan, to ensure prospective bidders are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions.

CUC will award a contract to more than one firm for said services, based on bids for "Service Section" pursuant to Scope-of-Work.

One (1) Original and Seven (7) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-019, Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water & Wastewater Facilities, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 17, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bids shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

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All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered prospective bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 6, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email — manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Gary Byrd, CUC Water & Wastewater Division Manager via email-gary.byrd@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Procurement Technician, via email–marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-020

CORAL TREE AVENUE, GARAPAN SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (S-11-017)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the replacement of sewer line in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The Project is to replace approximately ± 190 LF of existing 12-inch ACP, 6-inch service lateral connections, installation and monitoring of wastewater temporary by-pass pumping system and road restoration.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **60 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **March 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-020, Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan Sewer Line Replacement Project",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 23, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on March 15, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email birhen.martinez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Science & Technology

WikiLeaks fallout: Should you worry?

NEW YORK (AP)—So, you use messaging apps like WhatsApp or Signal or have smart TVs and PCs. Should you worry that the CIA is listening to your conversations?

The short answer is no. The long answer is maybe, though it's still unlikely you need to be too concerned.

WikiLeaks revelations describing secret CIA hacking tools allegedly used to break into computers, mobile phones and even smart TVs could certainly have real-life implications for anyone using internet-connected technology. In particular, the WikiLeaks documents suggest the CIA has attempted to turn TVs into listening devices and to circumvent—though not crack—message apps that employ protective data scrambling.

But for people weary of a seemingly constant revelations of hacks, government spying and security worries, the news came as no surprise.

"Today's leaks definitely concern me, but at this point I have accepted that security risks are an inherent part of our modern technology," Andrew Marshello, a soundboard operator from Queens, New York, said by email. "Since that tech is so integrated into our society, it's hard to take the reasonable step—cutting out smart devices, messaging apps, etc.—without sacrificing a part of social life."

While he's "definitely worried" about deeper implications of governmental hacking and surveillance, Marshello says he won't cut his iPhone or modern messaging apps out of his life. But he doesn't have a smart TV and doesn't plan to get one, he keeps his microphone unplugged and camera covered when he's not using his PC and he has voice recognition turned off on his phone.

Uber self-driving cars are coming back to California roads

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Uber's self-driving cars will return to California's streets, though the ride-hailing company doesn't immediately plan to pick up passengers.

Uber received a permit Wednesday to test two Volvo SUVs on public roads, the California Department of Motor Vehicles said. Regulators also approved 48 people as backup drivers who must sit behind the wheel in case the prototype cars malfunction, agency spokeswoman Jessica Gonzalez said.

The permit resolves a conflict dating to December. That's when Uber—an aggressive player in the self-driving race to bring the technology to the market—rolled out a pilot program in San Francisco, its hometown. The DMV revoked the registrations for 16 Uber vehicles, shutting down the test.

Uber knew about the DMV's requirement to receive permission before testing in public, but the company argued that its cars do not meet the state's definition of an "autonomous vehicle" because they need a person to monitor them and intervene if needed. That argument raised eyebrows both among regulators and other companies with similar technology that did get permits.

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Children:
Rebecca L. Nakatsukasa
(Reyanne San Nicolas/ Hope Blanco and children)
Stacy N. / M.D. Samuel Khan
Magdalena N. / Noel C. Charfauros (Trinity)
Esther Nakatsukasa/ Derick Deleon Guerrero
Peter L. / Ruth A. Nakatsukasa (Cameron, Christine, Pedro II, Remettia, Mylene and Grandchildren)
Renee L. Nakatsukasa/ Eloy M. Ayuyu
Loretta N. / Vicente P. San Nicolas
(Viandra, Violee, Vinesha)

Brothers, Sisters, and In Laws:
†Juan P. / Carmen C. Lizama and Family
Pedro P. / Ana Lizama and Family
Roman P. / Nami I. and Family
Albert P. / Ana B. Lizama and Family
Emilia L. / Frederico Gacayan and Family
Magdalena L. / Danny Talavera and Family
Ana N. / †Francisco Arriola and Family
†Magdalena N. / †Thomas Maratita and Family
†Maria N. / †David T. Aldan and Family
Addionally survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and God children.

Mass and Rosary are being held at San Antonio Church from March 4th to March 12th, 2017 after the 6:00 p.m. mass. On Monday, March 13, 2017, the late †Remedio Palacios Lizama Nakatsukasa will be escorted from CHC at 7:00 a.m. to San Antonio Church followed by the burial mass at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you for your thoughts & prayers.
THE FAMILY

TECH Q&A

Finding lost email and saving it online

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: My PC's hard drive crashed last year, causing me to lose all my data. I bought a new PC and used Microsoft's Outlook 2007 to download emails from my Comcast account (I like to save some attachments and archive receipts on my PC.)

But I've discovered that recent emails are disappearing from my new PC, which never happened with the old one. Did I do something wrong setting up the new PC's email? Is there a way to restore my old PC's hard drive so I can use it for email again?—Shahnaz Coyer, Minneapolis

A: A data recovery firm will charge hundreds of dollars to retrieve only fragments of data from your old PC's hard drive, so keep the new PC and we will focus on what happened to the emails. There are two possibilities:

■ The emails still exist on your new PC, but you can't see them. If you are viewing Outlook mail in "read-only" mode, the message is hidden from you once you read it, or after it's been displayed for a certain amount of time. To find hidden email, change Outlook's "views" setting. In the Windows 10 search box, type Run. In the resulting box, type "Outlook /cleanviews" (don't use quotation marks, and keep a space between the Outlook and the slash mark.) Click OK.

■ The emails have been accidentally deleted from your PC and your email account hasn't been set up to retain copies on Comcast's mail server. That means the messages are permanently lost. Why doesn't the mail server have a backup copy? You're probably using an older POP3 (Post Office Protocol) mail account that is not set to automatically retain a copy of an email on the server after you download it to your PC. To prevent this problem in the future, change the POP3 account's settings to "leave a copy of messages on the server" (see tinyurl.com/grxqkff.) That way, your mail will be in two places (server and PC) instead of one.

You could move to a newer type of email account called IMAP (internet Message Access Protocol.) It doesn't download email to your PC at all; you read the messages on the server. (If there's an email or attachment you want to save on your PC, copy and paste it into a Microsoft Word document that stores on the hard drive.) IMAP has the additional advantage of being easier to use on multiple devices, such as PC's, tablet computers and smartphones. To switch from a POP3 to an IMAP email account, see tinyurl.com/hnhx72l.

Q: My Windows 10 PC is telling me that my Gmail account settings are out of date. When I log into my Gmail account as instructed, it says Windows would like to manage my mail, calendars and contacts. I also use Windows Live Mail and its calendar, so should I do this?—Shirley Kalck, Lakeland, Fla.

A: You are being asked if you want to access Gmail and its calendar through the Windows 10 mail and calendar apps rather than by logging in to the Gmail website. Because Microsoft's Live Mail is being phased out (see tinyurl.com/zkkaa9c), you might find it useful to access both the Microsoft and Google information in the Windows apps. (To set up the mail and calendar apps with two different providers, see tinyurl.com/zgmk2oh).

If you would rather get rid of the Windows 10 message, go to Settings and turn off "tips, tricks and suggestions." See tinyurl.com/zqb4sez.

Science Matters

Bacteria in gut tell brain, 'We're full'

Twenty minutes after a meal, bacteria in the digestive system produce proteins that can make animals stop eating; the discovery suggests that bacteria may affect when and how much we eat.

What happens after a person eats:

1 Gut's bacterial population is stable – and low – when food enters stomach

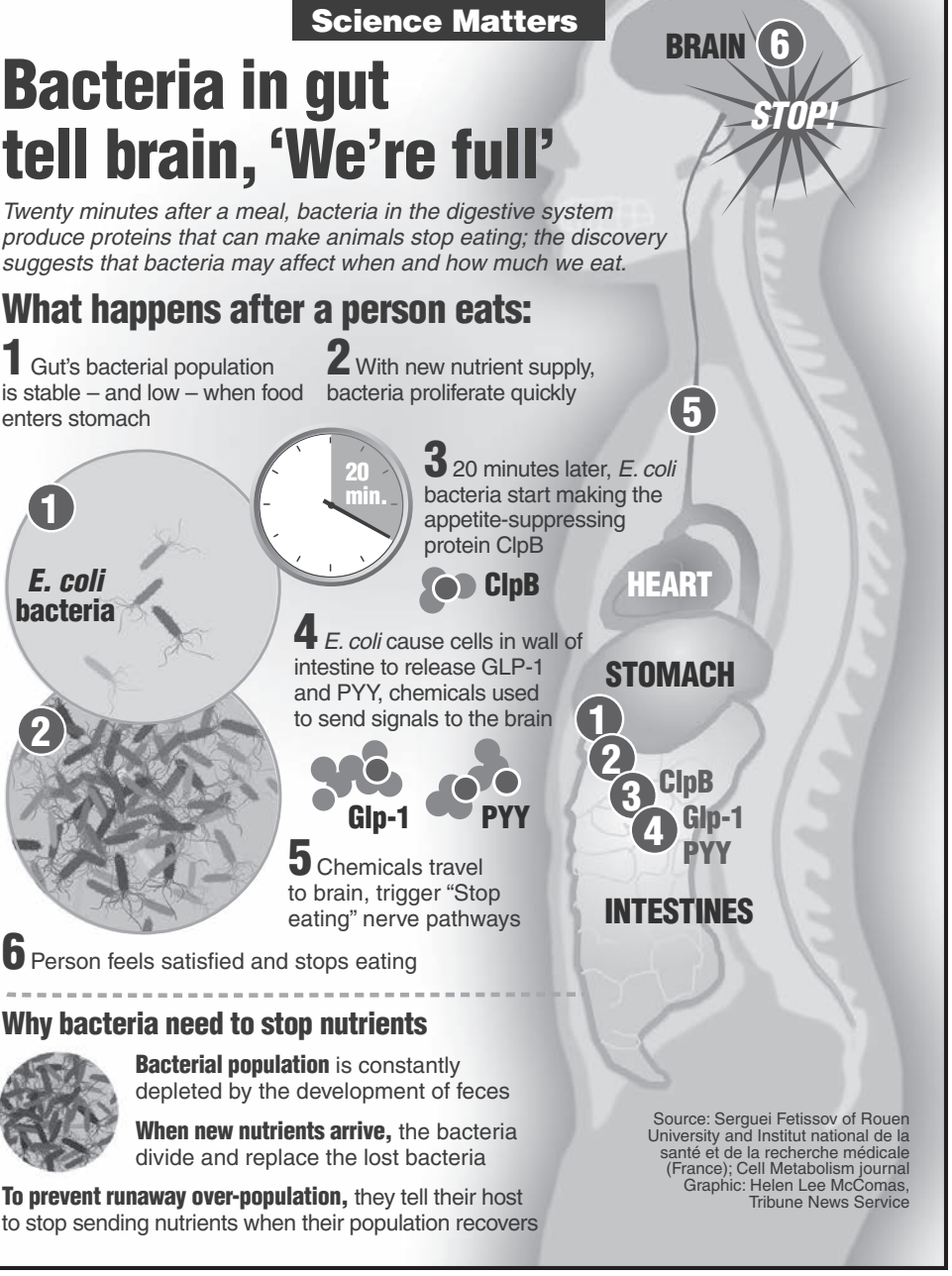
2 With new nutrient supply, bacteria proliferate quickly

3 20 minutes later, *E. coli* bacteria start making the appetite-suppressing protein ClpB

4 *E. coli* cause cells in wall of intestine to release GLP-1 and PYY, chemicals used to send signals to the brain

5 Chemicals travel to brain, trigger "Stop eating" nerve pathways

6 Person feels satisfied and stops eating



Why bacteria need to stop nutrients

Bacterial population is constantly depleted by the development of feces

When new nutrients arrive, the bacteria divide and replace the lost bacteria

To prevent runaway over-population, they tell their host to stop sending nutrients when their population recovers

Source: Serguei Fetissov of Rouen University and Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale (France); Cell Metabolism journal
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

Man allegedly posing as Bieber online charged in Australia

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—A 42-year-old Australian man who allegedly posed as Justin Bieber online to solicit explicit images from children has been charged with more than 900 child sex offenses, police said Thursday.

Bieber, a 23-year-old Canadian pop singer, is currently in Australia performing his "Purpose World Tour." Police have warned young fans and their parents to be extra vigilant when using the internet.

Gordon Douglas Chalmers, a law lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, was charged in November with using Facebook and Skype to impersonate the star, after tip-offs from U.S. and German authorities. Chalmers was charged with using a carriage service to procure and groom children for sex and to access child pornography. He was also charged with possessing child porn.

As a result of warrants issued in November to search his social media and messaging accounts and cloud servers, Chalmers was charged this week with another 931 child sex offenses dating back a decade, including rape and making child exploitation material, a police statement said.

Bieber

"The fact that so many children could believe that they were communicating with this particular celebrity highlights the need for a serious rethink about the way that we as a society educate our children about online safety," Police Detective Inspector Jon Rouse said in a statement.

"The breadth of offenses committed in this instance is frankly horrendous," Rouse added.

Police have not said how many children had become victims or in what countries they live. But Rouse said the investigation showed "the global reach and skill that child sex offenders have to groom and seduce victims."

Chalmers has yet to enter pleas. It is not clear how long he could spend in prison if convicted.

Scarlett Johansson's divorce filing prompts custody battle

By PATRICK MAIRS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scarlett Johansson's husband was "shocked" by the star's divorce filing and sees the move as a "pre-emptive strike" in a battle over custody of the couple's toddler daughter, his lawyer said.

Johansson filed for divorce from Romain Dauriac in a New York City court Tuesday, saying the marriage was "irretrievably broken." The move follows a January announcement that the couple split last summer after less than two years of marriage.

Johansson is asking for joint custody of their daughter, Rose, but also wants the child to live with her.

Dauriac's lawyer, Hal Mayerson, told The Associated Press Wednesday that he and Dauriac were taken aback by the request because he has been the "primary parent" for Rose while Johansson has been involved with her career. Dauriac plans to petition the court to take the child to live with him in his native France, Mayerson said, adding that Johansson will have "access to her daughter any time she wants to come to Paris."

"Mr. Dauriac is tired of having to run his life and his child's life based on Ms. Johansson's shooting schedule," Mayerson said.

Johansson responded in a statement to the AP that she is a "devoted mother and private person" who knows her daughter will one day be old enough to read the news about herself.

"I would only like to say that I will never, ever be commenting on the dissolution of my marriage. Out of respect for my desires as a parent and out of respect for all working moms, it is with kindness that I ask other parties involved and the media to do the same," she said.

The divorce filing notes that the couple signed a prenuptial agreement in September 2014, but Mayerson said the pact does not address custody or financial issues regarding their daughter.

VERSACE CAMPAIGN AP
In this May 2, 2016, file photo, Zayn Malik, left, and Gigi Hadid arrive at The Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute Benefit Gala, celebrating the opening of "Manus x Machina: Fashion in an Age of Technology" in New York. Malik announced on March 8, 2017, that Hadid photographed him for a Versace campaign.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Anthony Babauta Cepeda

DOB: NOVEMBER 16, 1950 DOD: MARCH 5, 2017

In his new life he joins his

Parents:	†Joaquin Duenas Cepeda & †Paulina Babauta Cepeda
Paternal Grandparents:	†Feliz Torres Cepeda & †Antonia Duenas Cepeda
Maternal Grandparents:	†Ignacio G. Aldan & †Maria Babauta Aldan
Sister:	†Maria B. Cepeda
Brother:	†Ignacio B. Cepeda
Reared Brother:	†Felix A. Cepeda
Nephews:	†Joaquin Manuel, Eric Michael, †Shawn Patrick, †Joseph, †Luden Jaymz
Nieces:	†Lynricia Lena, †Catricia Jawn
Survived by his Reared Son:	Carl Joaquin (CJ) Camacho
Brothers & Sisters	Felix B. & Linda V. Cepeda & Family Juan B. & Patricia V. Cepeda & Family Lulu C. & George Sutherland & Family Thomas B. Cepeda & Family Akit B. Cepeda & Carlos C. Camacho & Family Ramon B. Cepeda & Family Jose B. & Cora S. Cepeda & Family Luisa C. & Juan Q. Camacho & Family Ramona C. & Fritz R. Lizama & Family Doris Cepeda & Children

He will also be missed by his numerous Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, God Children & Friends

Daily mass is offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m.

On Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:30 a.m., his body will be taken from CHC Chapel and transport to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by viewing and visitation. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. and Internment Service will take place at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase for your thoughts and prayers.

THE FAMILY

POI Aviation

Supervisor, Guest Relations (5)
Qualification: 2 years experience in front office in a supervisory capacity and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications, strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Accountant – Accounts Payable (2)
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

Accountant – Accounts Receivable (1)
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

Accountant – Cost (1)
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

Assistant Sales Manager, Korean Market (2)
Qualification: Must have 2 years working experience in sales in the hotel industry at a management level is required and preferably from a full service hotel. Strong knowledge of property management system Fidelio. Possess the ability to think strategically, inductively and creatively. Must have the ability to travel as requested Must be fluent in Korean. Willing to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

Director of Food & Beverage (1)
Qualification: 4 years progressive responsibility in food & beverage in management level is required and preferably from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant. Solid time management , organization and prioritization skills are essential. Experienced in resolving customer issues/complaints as well as overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Proven ability to effectively build and foster a team environment and make decisions in a fast paced environment. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Director of Sales & Marketing (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or Business preferred with a minimum of 6 years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales and marketing techniques and financial principles. Fluency in Japanese language is essential. Able to travel off-island occasionally to attend sales meeting as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

E-System Analyst (1)
Qualification: Employees in these occupations usually need several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training and/or vocational training. Must have knowledge on computer software including applications and programming. Must be able to work independently or with very little supervision. Must have attention to detail. Able to work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

Laundry Attendant (3)
Qualification: Employees in these occupations need anywhere from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations. Experience as a laundry worker is required, preferably from a full service hotel or establishment such as hospital. Must be able to lift and carry 35 pounds. Must be able to stand on feet throughout work shift. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, back-to-back, nights and holidays. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Bartender/Wait Staff (2)
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent with 1 year of working with experienced employees in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including weekends, nights and holidays.

Accounting Manager (1)
Qualification: A minimum of Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting. 5 Years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable and accounts receivable or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledge and ability in the use of personal computer and software applications particularly SAP R3, FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records, ability to work effectively under pressure. Able to communicate both oral and written. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and weekends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Restaurant Manager (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a restaurant manager in a full service hotel or high volume restaurant is required. Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. Good problem solving and organizational skills are needed. Requires the ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Ability to speak Japanese, Korean or Mandarin Chinese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualification: 3 years of skilled and increasingly responsible experience in building construction or maintenance work of which at least 2 years shall have been in management level. Knowledge of tools, materials, working practices and methods of the building trades, materials, equipment, working procedures and methods required in a hotel property and grounds maintenance program, and in the repair and minor construction of hotel facilities, landscaping, plant propagation, soils, insecticides and gardening tools, laws affecting the maintenance, repair and construction of hotel facility principles of supervision, training and management. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Manager, Information Technology (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledge of website technologies. 2-4 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in multi-office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent communication skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Mason (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a mason is required. Exhibit a personality that demonstrates interpersonal skills to internal customers. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Painter (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a painter is required.. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Plumber (2)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a plumber is required. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather and able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Senior Supervisor, Food & Beverage (2)
Qualification: 4 years progressive work experience at a supervisory/managerial capacity in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel is required. Excellent customer service skills, organizational and communication skills are essential. Knowledge with health, fire and sanitation regulations.

Supervisor, Accounts Receivable (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferably 2 years work experience within the field and in a supervisory level is required. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations and preferably in a full service hotel. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends and holidays.

Supervisor, General Accounting (2)
Qualification: College graduate. Bachelor's Degree in Business administration, major in accounting preferred. 4 years progressive work experience as an accountant in supervisory level. Must be computer literate and proficient in accounting software application particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Must have strong organizational skills and is a team player. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Supervisor, Guest Relations (5)
Qualification: 2 years experience in Front Office in a supervisory capacity is required and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Supervisor, Landscaping (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent. 2 years work experience as a landscaper in a supervisory level is required. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends, and holidays. Must be able to lift/carry up to 35 pounds with any assistance.

Supervisor, Mechanical (1)
Qualification: Most occupations in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree, AND one or two years of mechanical engineering or related and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills, abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends or holidays.

Supervisor, Purchasing (1)
Qualification: Any combination of education and experience that has provided the knowledge skills and abilities necessary for a purchasing supervisor. 2 years of professional purchasing experience including 1 year in supervisory capacity is required and preferably from a full service hotel. Able to work under pressure and time line must. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays when necessary.

Supervisor, Steward (2)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a steward in supervisory level. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on health and sanitation procedure and implementation. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Front Office Manager (3)
Qualifications: Preferably a college graduate with a Bachelor degree in Hospitality or Tourism Management; a minimum of two years work experience as Front Office Supervisor in a hotel of significant volume. Ability to read, analyze and interpret journals, financial reports and legal documents. Ability to write letters, memorandums or conceptualizing hotel's objectives. Ability to effectively present information to top management and employees, in groups or individually. Ability to speak, write and read in the English language fluently. Fluency in Japanese is an advantage. Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, commissions, proportions, percentages, area, circumstances, and volume, and analyze such information. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Comprehensive knowledge of business management, financial reporting and productivity requirements; Proficient in Microsoft Office program and Fidelio System software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings holidays and/or weekends.

Electrician (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Landscaper (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) to three (3) years previous work experience. Cultivates and cares for ornamental plants and installs floral displays indoor or outdoor settings through performance of any combination of following duties as directed by supervisory personnel. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Sous Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; a graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. Must have at least four (4) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Supervising-chef assistant Supervises and coordinates activities of cooks and other workers engaged in preparing and cooking foodstuffs. Assumes responsibility for kitchen in absence of EXECUTIVE CHEF. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

International Cook (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Baker (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. At least two (2) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Demi Chef (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or postsecondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cafeteria Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certificate. Little or no previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. Must facilitate food service. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Powerhouse Mechanic (Power Plant) (1)
Qualifications: Require postsecondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges, and/or associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or 2 to 4 years of experience. Perform routine maintenance or make repairs to mechanical, electrical, or electronic equipment in power plants. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Pool Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate with at least two (2) years work experience as a Pool Attendant. Knowledgeable on some sports and in organizing group activities. Must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (3)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Income Auditor Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Minimum of five (5) years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Examine and analyze accounting records to determine financial status of establishment and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to F&B, Dry goods and Housekeeping cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Housekeeping Cleaner (21)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Tailor/Seamstress (3)
Qualifications: Minimum of three (3) years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (8)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum of two (2) years work experience at a supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Senior Housekeeping Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum of three (3) to four (4) years work experience at a supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

IT Tech Support Manager (1)
Qualifications: Any combination of education and training equivalent to possession of a bachelor's degree in computer science, information engineering, computer associates or other related areas. Must have at least five (5) years working experience. Experience in all areas of local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, implementation, and user support. Experience installing and supporting Microsoft server technologies. Working knowledge of local and wide area networks (LAN/WAN), Internet, e-mail systems, telecommunications and data communications, standard operating systems, software packages, and software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Night Auditor (2)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Wait Staff (16)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Wait Staff (Banquet) (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED. At least one (1) years experience required in banquet and/or related field. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Food and Beverage Supervisor (7)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent or training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree. Minimum two (2) years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving. Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cook (9)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Maintenance Coordinator (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Requires one or two years of satisfactory performance as a Maintenance Coordinator; or any combination of related education and experience in the assigned area; or up to four (4) years of college courses in civil engineering, construction management or related field. Ability to interpret and administer contracts for construction, and/or operational services. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Room Reservations Manager (1)
Qualifications: College or university Diploma in Hospitality or Tourism Management; minimum of two years related experience as Front Office Manager, Executive Housekeeping Manager or Sales Manager in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of business need, financial reporting and productivity requirements. Proficient in Microsoft Office Program and Property Management System. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

Facilities and Repair Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in related field or five years facilities and repair management experience in a manufacturing environment. Responsible for Rooms Preventative Maintenance Schedule, Building Repair and Maintenance, Landscaping and Gardening, Banquet, Restaurant and Kitchen Repair and Maintenance, Public Area Repair and Maintenance, Swimming Pool Repair and Maintenance, Concessionaires Repair and Maintenance, set up of banquet requirement and others. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

Power Plant Maintenance Manager (1)
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Qualifications: College degree graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience in hotel management. Plan, direct or coordinate activities of an organization or department that provides lodging and other accommodations. Also, responsible for developing , establishing and maintaining marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives. Able to work independently. Good organizational and planning skills are essential. Ability to work in remote field office for several months at a time as necessary. Accountable for customer satisfaction and providing high quality service in representing company. Must have knowledge in Front Office Operations , Sales and Marketing strategies , Housekeeping operations and other hotel operations. Also , takes full responsibility of the entire hotel operations in the absence of the General / Resident Manager.

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Jackson: Comments about black Brit actors not a slam

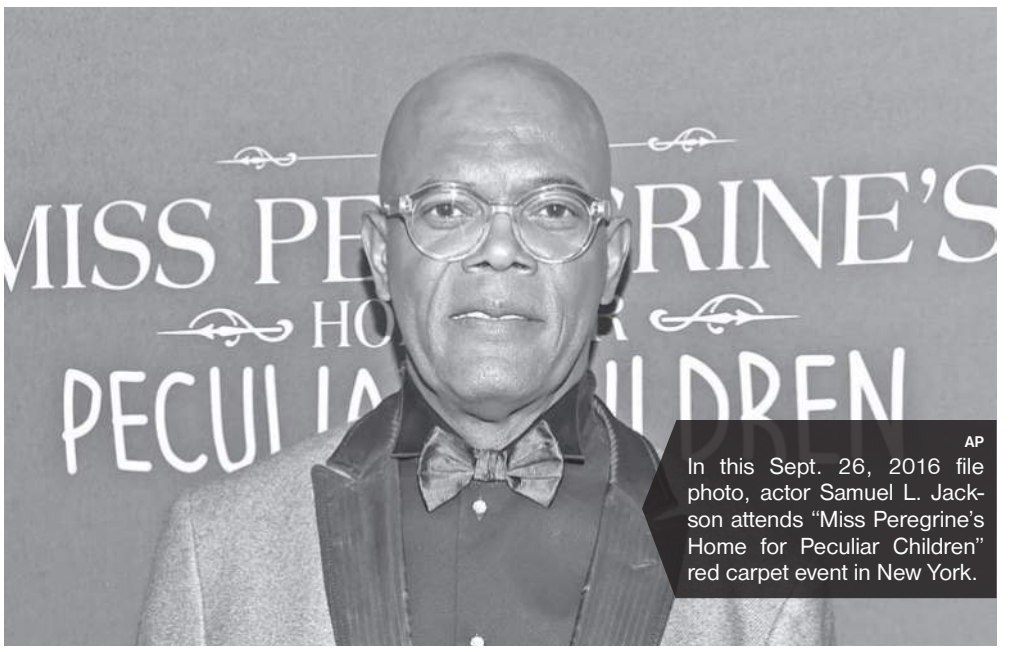
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Samuel Jackson said Wednesday he wasn't trying to slam black British actors when he criticized their casting in American films such as the horror hit "Get Out" and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. drama "Selma."

Jackson told The Associated Press that his comments Monday on the radio station Hot 97 weren't necessarily misunderstood, but his criticism was not of the performers but rather of the system that allows black actors from overseas take prominent roles in American films.

"It was not a slam against them, but it was just a comment about how Hollywood works in an interesting sort of way sometimes," Jackson said at the premiere of his new film "Kong: Skull Island."

Jackson noted on Monday that a lot of roles are going to British actors. He said he wondered what "Get Out" would have been like "with an American brother who really feels that." Jordan Peele's film is about an African-American photographer, played by the British actor Daniel Kaluuya, whose white girlfriend brings him home to her parents' house.

Jackson also pointed to Ava DuVernay's "Selma," which starred David Oyelowo as King.



AP
In this Sept. 26, 2016 file photo, actor Samuel L. Jackson attends "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" red carpet event in New York.

His comments drew criticism from John Boyega, the British "Star Wars" star, who on Twitter called the debate a "stupid" conflict "we don't have time for."

On Wednesday, Jackson was complimentary of the skills and hard work black British performers put in to take on American roles, but he said that was a one-way street.

"We're not afforded that same luxury, but that's fine, we have plenty of opportunities to work," he said.

"I enjoy their work," Jackson said of his British counterparts. "I enjoy working with them when I have the opportunity to do that."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Forbidden Forest: Spooky new 'Harry Potter' exhibit to open

LEAVESDEN, England (AP)—There's been a reunion of "Harry Potter" film veterans at the Warner Brothers Studio Tour just outside of London to prepare for the opening of a new "Forbidden Forest" wing. There was Jason Isaacs, who played Lucius Malfoy, Evanna Lynch, known as Luna Lovegood in the films, and Aragog—the machine which played a very convincing giant spider. Isaacs said Wednesday he will not allow his daughter, who is afraid of spiders, to see the exhibit until she is more comfortable with arachnids. Lynch said she is not surprised that Harry Potter is still a prime attraction. "Personally, growing up I felt closer to a lot of the characters than I did with my friends." The exhibit opens March 31 on the site where the films were made.

Gabourey Sidibe reveals weight-loss surgery in new memoir

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gabourey Sidibe says she had weight-loss surgery last year after being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes. In an excerpt from her forthcoming memoir published Wednesday by People magazine, the Oscar-nominated actress says she underwent the bariatric procedure in May. The 33-year-old "Empire" star says she did not have the surgery to be beautiful but to improve her health and move with more ease. Surgery "wasn't the easy way out," she says, adding that she has changed her eating habits and is working with a trainer. And despite her continuing weight loss, Sidibe says her "beauty doesn't come from a mirror." Sidibe shared a link to the People article from her verified Twitter account. Her book, "This is Just My Face: Try Not to Stare," will be published in May.

Larry McMurtry's typewriters sell at auction for $37,500

DALLAS (AP)—The two typewriters Larry McMurtry used to write his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Lonesome Dove" sold at auction for $37,500. Heritage Auctions sold the typewriters Wednesday at an auction in New York City. Eric Bradley, a spokesman for the Dallas-based auction house, said the typewriters sold to a bidder from Texas who wished to remain anonymous. McMurtry had told The Associated Press he "just decided that it would be fun" to sell the typewriters at auction, "and I actually have too many typewriters." The 80-year-old author and screenwriter said he still writes on a typewriter and has about 15 of them. While writing "Lonesome Dove," a tale of a cattle drive in the 1870s, he kept one typewriter in his hometown of Archer City, Texas, and the other in Washington, D.C.

Wife of 'American Pie' singer McLean gets protective order

ELLSWORTH, Maine (AP)—A Maine court has given the ex-wife of "American Pie" singer Don McLean an order of protection against him. McLean pleaded guilty in July to domestic violence assault. His lawyer said at the time that his punishment would be a $3,000 fine if he stayed out of trouble for a year. Court officials say the court granted a final order of protection on Wednesday that will last for two years. It was preceded by a temporary order. Patrisha McLean says she is glad the order was granted. Don McLean's attorney did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment. McLean is a Camden resident who was arrested in January 2016. He is best known for the song "American Pie," which topped the Billboard chart 45 years ago.

Family of 'Blueberries for Sal' author donates Maine island

DEER ISLE, Maine (AP)—The family of the author of such classics as "Blueberries for Sal" has donated a Maine island featured in one of his books to a conservation organization. The Portland Press Herald reports that the Nature Conservancy announced Monday that the family of writer and illustrator Robert McCloskey had donated the Outer Scott Island in Penobscot Bay, off Deer Isle. McCloskey wrote the award-winning "One Morning in Maine," which featured the 6.2-acre island in the story. His family donated a conservation easement on the property to the Nature Conservancy in 1974. The family has now transferred ownership to the organization. The conservancy will manage the island according to the restrictions outlined in the conservation easement from 1974. McCloskey also wrote "Make Way for Ducklings." He died in 2003 at 88.

Actor Faizon Love pleads not guilty to assault charge

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Actor and comedian Faizon Love has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor assault charge after an alleged altercation with a valet at the Columbus airport. Love pleaded not guilty Wednesday in Franklin County Municipal Court and was released on $2,000 bond. He was arrested Tuesday and jailed overnight after authorities alleged he argued with the 24-year-old man and assaulted him in a baggage claim area. Authorities say Love grabbed the man behind the neck and threw him to the ground and into a desk, then pushed him down when he tried to get up. Video of the altercation was released Wednesday. Defense attorney John Moore has said there was a disagreement over payment. Love is scheduled to make appearances at a Columbus comedy club next week.

Woman's younger boyfriend hides her from his family

DEAR ABBY: I'm 51 and my boyfriend is 43. We've been dating for eight months, living together for five. We met at work a few months before we started dating. We get along great and never argue, but he won't let me meet his family.

He has never been married and has no children. He sees his mom and brother sometimes for dinner and such, but because his mom doesn't have any grandchildren and I can't give her any, he said he's not ready to tell her about me. Does this make sense?

OUTSIDER IN LOUISIANA

DEAR OUTSIDER: If, after eight months of dating and living together for five, you still haven't met his family, he has no intention of introducing you—ever. Your inability to give his mother grandchildren has nothing to do with it. You are a human being, not a broodmare, and the excuse he's giving you makes no sense. Picture this scenario: "Hey, Ma, this is 'Becky' and she's fertile!" Puh-leeze!

DEAR ABBY: My sister, who is very religious, sent my gay daughter a Bible with her name engraved on it for Christmas, even though we told her—after she asked for suggestions -- that a gift card would be more appropriate. We are not religious, by the way.

My wife and I feel strange about it, as if my sister is trying to tell us something like, "Your gay daughter needs religion." How should we respond to this?

BAFFLED IN THE EAST

DEAR BAFFLED: You do not have to respond. The Bible was a gift for your daughter, and the "privilege" of acknowledging it, ignoring it or regifting it is hers. What I do not recommend is allowing your sister's gift choice to become an argument about your family's values.

DEAR ABBY: I've recently rekindled an old romance with a wonderful guy. Only one thing mars our relationship. When we go out to eat, we don't carry on a conversation past occasional chitchat. The problem may be that while he's a speedy eater, I'm slow. I feel bad about not being able to talk and chew fast enough to keep up, so he finishes well before me and ends up waiting quite a while until I polish off my meal.

Can you offer any suggestions on how to come to a compromise where dinner isn't a race to the finish line, but an experience full of laughter and discussion?

SLOWER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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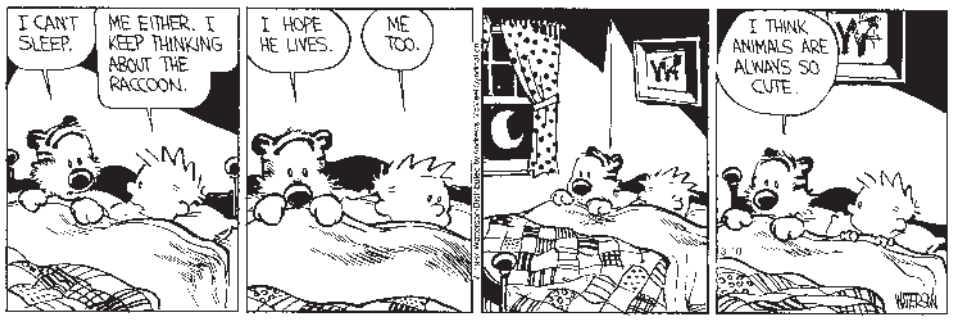
DEAR SLOWER: Yes, but it may involve making the meal even longer. If there's a topic you would like to explore with him, put down your fork, swallow your food and speak up. In Europe it's common for people to linger over their meal and communicate with each other. This practice not only fosters deeper relationships, but there are also health benefits to eating slowly. Because you're a couple, you should feel comfortable enough to ask him to slow down so your conversation can flow more easily.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

IT'S LIKE THE STARS GO ON FOREVER
THEY DO GO ON FOREVER, JON. FAR BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION
WHOA...
SO THERE COULD BE BRAIN-SUCKING LOBSTER BEINGS OUT THERE!
TIME TO GO

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WHAT'S YOUR STEP COUNT TODAY?
SIGH. I'M AT 3,107.
MORE STEPS!!
I KNOW, COACH.
BUT I'M ON A TIGHT DEADLINE. LET ME GET THIS ARTICLE WRITTEN.
NO PAIN, NO GAIN! JUST DO IT!! YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH!
OKAY. THAT LAST ONE DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Tummy muscles
4 Bonfire residue
7 Opium flower
12 Speck
13 Chinese chairman
14 Emulate Lincoln
15 Sugary suffix
16 Wealthy ruler
18 "— voyage!"
19 Sub detector
20 911 responders
22 Quirky
23 "Toodle-oo!"
27 Wolf Blitzer's channel
29 Painter Georges
31 Ersatz chocolate
34 "Crazy" singer Patsy
35 Noah's landfall
37 Luau bowlful
38 Teller's partner
39 "— was saying ..."
41 El —, Texas
45 Cara or Castle
47 Microwave
48 Fat avoider of rhyme
52 Actress Hagen
53 Earth Day month
54 Judge Lance
55 Seminary subj.
56 Mail carrier's beat
57 Enthusiast
58 Mag. staff

DOWN

1 Pueblo material
2 Bust
3 Artery insert
4 Band boosters
5 Bar
6 Keep after
7 Indigent
8 Tolkien monster
9 Standard
10 Sch. org
11 Even so
17 Tiny amounts
21 Disdain
23 Dutch bloom
24 "Exodus" hero
25 Light brown
26 Packed away
28 Cagers' gp.
30 Green prefix
31 Upper limit
32 Exist
33 Campaigned
36 Rain-delay cover
37 Target at a fiesta
40 Helvetica lack
42 Sky blue
43 Filled fully
44 October birthstones
45 Capri, for one
46 Harrow rival
48 Pickle holder
49 Mil. address
50 French vineyard
51 Tool set

Solution time: 27 mins.

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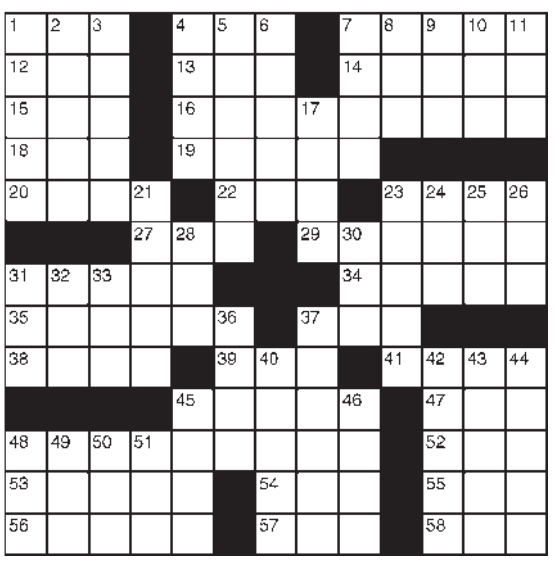
Yesterday's answer 3-10



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Olivia Wilde, 33; Carrie Underwood, 34; Jon Hamm, 46; Sharon Stone, 59.

Happy Birthday: Don't limit what you can do. Trust and believe in yourself and your abilities to do everything you can to shape your future the way you want it to unfold. Giving in to someone who will try to control what you achieve will be frustrating and unnecessary. Have the guts to follow your instincts and you will excel. Your numbers are 9, 14, 24, 29, 33, 35, 42.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Make plans to do something with your partner or someone you love. A day trip, shopping spree or just hanging out and enjoying one another's company will bring about a positive attitude and lead to future plans. Aim to please. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: Change the way you do things or get involved in something that will challenge you physically and make you strive to live a healthier lifestyle. Make a special effort to get along well with others. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: Put more effort into your personal relationships. You can stabilize your life and ease any insecurity you are feeling by addressing issues that leave you feeling uncertain. It's up to you to make the choices that can improve your life. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Someone from your past will want to reconnect. Proceed with caution or with the intent to resolve unfinished business. Choose using your intellect instead of brute force. Don't limit what you can do. Believe in your ability to become successful. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: Don't get angry; get moving. It's up to you to make the adjustments needed to ensure that you get what you want. Refuse to let your emotions hold you back. Channel your energy in a positive, constructive manner. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Take action and put your plans into motion. The changes you want to see happen will only unfold if you put in the time and effort. Let insight and adaptability guide you toward a better lifestyle and brighter future. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Put more energy into helping others. Taking action and living up to your promises will encourage others to do the same. Don't sit idle when emotional and physical input will help you bring about positive changes. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Express your ideas explicitly and someone will help you turn your dream into a reality. Your intuition will encourage you to develop something you've been thinking about doing for a long time. Trust and invest in yourself. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: A change in the way you live will add to your contentment. A physical change will make you look and feel your best. Love and romance are highlighted along with making a commitment to someone special. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make the changes that suit you. Taking on an unrealistic financial commitment will not improve your situation. Do what works best for you and refuse to let anyone convince you otherwise. Ease your stress -- don't add to it. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Partnerships will undergo a positive change if you express the way you feel. Do your best to move forward in a positive manner. Change can be good if everyone is given an equal opportunity and is willing to adapt. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: Stand up and be counted. Don't let anyone outsmart or outshine you when it comes to work, reputation and personal accomplishments. Follow your inner voice and you will find a way to outmaneuver any opponent who challenges you. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intelligent, steady and helpful. You are adaptable and generous.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/10

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/8

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

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Requires: Associate's Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. One to two years equivalent work experience. Provides assistance and customer service to passengers by performing various customer service duties in the airport such as check-in, reservations, baggage and processing. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Customer Service Agent (Interpreter) (6)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with at least 2 years' experience working as Passenger Service agent or on any related field of work. Fluency in a specific foreign language (Chinese/Korean) is required. Foreign Language speaking interpreters must effectively convert the verbal communication of one of these languages (Chinese/Korean) into the verbal form of the other. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Cargo) (3)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience as a cargo handler. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, preparing documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment and be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Must be proficient in the use of CSP Cargo Trac System. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Ramp) (5)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, operating equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to teach operation of specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr_frs@tanholdings.com.
To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than March 15, 2017.
Applications for employment are available at the Security Office, ground floor, south wing.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Century Tours, Inc.

invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply
for the following positions:

Customer Service Supervisor, Operations (1)
College or Associate's degree in Management, Travel and Tour, or any related field. At least three (3) years of progressive management experience in tour and travel operations is required. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Sales Associate (1)
High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese or Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Interested applicants may send their applications to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00 PM on March 18, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Disabilities are urged to apply.

Saipan Adventures, Inc. invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Accountant (1)
High School graduate or a GED Certificate. Some related work experience in tour operation, sales or service related work is preferred. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel; and proficient with Accounting software such as the SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) and POS-RMS (Point of Sale) systems to record, store, and analyze information. Flexible under pressure. High attention to detail. Able to work independently with detailed projects. Has an aptitude for learning. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Customer Service Agent, (2)
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (02) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese, or Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Customer Service Supervisor, Retail (1)
High School Diploma or GED. At least one (1) to two (2) years of related supervisory experience in a luxury retail environment. Must have the knowledge and computer skills to handle the POS register and other operations and communication systems.

Operations Manager (1)
College or Associate's degree in Management, Travel and Tour or any related field. At least three (3) years of progressive management experience in tour and travel operations is required. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Sales Associate (2)
High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Inventory Assistant (1)
High School Diploma or GED with at least six (6) months retail experience and at least three (3) months of prior receiving, stocking and inventory experience. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Knowledge on the following equipment: POS terminal, photocopier/facsimile machine, and other items as necessary to accomplish assigned tasks. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and move up to 50 pound items using a trolley. Must be able to bend, kneel, crouch, or crawl in awkward positions. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than **March 15, 2017**. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Saipan Adventures Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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- Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy
- Five (5) years experience in Finance or Accounting field.
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Interested individuals please send your resume with a list of references, photocopy of a valid photo identification card & updated police clearance to:

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(3) General Maintenance Worker
Qualification: 2 years experience as a general maintenance worker in repairing or replacing defective equipment, parts, using hand tools and power tools and re-assemble equipment is required. Must be able to work independently. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Must have a valid driver's license. Able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Application forms may be obtained and submitted to our Security Office located on the South Wing of Fiesta Resort & Spa. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Friday, March 17, 2017.

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D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd. inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

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Interested applicants must submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by March 14, 2017. Applications may also be sent to: mpk@dandq-international.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

D&Q is an equal opportunity employer and has a drug free work environment.
Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required.

Kanoa Resort
Saipan

is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Cook (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Steward (9)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Ability to prioritize and arrange work assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeping Cleaner (4)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Public Area Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Keep building in clean and orderly condition. Perform heavy cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Landscaper (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) to three (3) years previous work experience. Cultivates and cares for ornamental plants and installs floral displays indoor or outdoor settings through performance of any combination of following duties as directed by supervisory personnel. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

General Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than March 21, 2017. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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POI Aviation
invites qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

Project Manager (1)
Requires: Bachelor's Degree in a related subject. At least 2 years of project (including construction) planning, management, and evaluation experience. Experienced in project supervision and management. Proficient in the use of computers for Word processing, simple accounting, Data base management, Spreadsheets, E-mail, and Internet. Objective: To plan, budget, oversee and document all aspects of the specific project assigned. Work closely with upper management to ensure that the scope and direction of each project is on schedule.

Senior Account Manager (2)
Bachelor's Degree Preferred. At least 5 years' experience of relevant job experience in the airline ground handling service industry. Experienced in project supervision and management. Fluency in a specific foreign language (Chinese/Korean) is required. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Computer literate with good typing skills. Excellent interpersonal skills. Ability to provide clear directions and set expectations. Ability to work with confidential and sensitive corporate, client and employee information and must conduct himself/herself accordingly. Willing to adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's objectives. Must be able to obtain an Airport badge.

Junior Account Manager (2)
Bachelor's Degree Preferred. At least 5 years' experience of relevant job experience in the airline ground handling service industry. Experienced in project supervision and management. Fluency in a specific foreign language (Chinese/Korean) is required. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Computer literate with good typing skills. Excellent interpersonal skills. Ability to provide clear directions and set expectations. Ability to work with confidential and sensitive corporate, client and employee information and must conduct himself/herself accordingly. Willing to adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's objectives. Must be able to obtain an Airport badge.

Administrative Assistant (1)
Coordinates and directs office services, such as records and budget preparation, personnel, and housekeeping, to aid executives. Prepares records and reports, such as recommendations for solutions of administrative problems and annual reports. Files and retrieves corporation documents, records, and reports. Analyzes operating practices and procedures to create new or to revise existing methods. Interprets administrative and operating policies & procedures for employees. Studies management methods to improve workflow, simplify reporting procedures, or implement cost reductions. Plans conferences. Reads & answers correspondence. Knowledge of principles and processes involved in business and organizational planning, coordination, and execution, resource allocation, manpower modeling, & leadership techniques.

Required Associates Degree, with at least 3 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as managing files and records and word processing. Proficient in typing, and good at written and oral communication. Proficient in MS Office including Works, Excel and Outlook. Demonstrate good customer service & interpersonal skills at work and related duties. Must be able to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Vice President for Sales and Marketing for Korean Market (1)
College graduate with 4-year degree and a minimum of 10 years of professional passenger and cargo sales, marketing experience in airline operations. Must be proficient in the Korean and English languages. Extensive knowledge of airline operations and a track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than March 21, 2017. Applications for employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Century Tours, Inc.
invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Tour Guide (6)
High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00PM on March 15, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Workforce Solutions Inc.
is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Customer Service Supervisor (3)
High School Diploma or GED. At least 1-2 years work experience in a tour/travel agency, sales or service related work preferably with at least 1-2 years of experience supervising a team of tour sales agents. Must be able to speak, read, write, and understand English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Interested applicants may send their applications or resumes via email to workforcesolutions.recruitment@gmail.com. To be considered, resumes/application documents must be submitted not later than **5:00PM on March 15, 2017.**

Gemkell Saipan Corp. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Sales Associate, Part Time (5)
Responsible for managing the customer's experience by identifying customer's needs and recommending or promoting the appropriate merchandise. Sales Associates also process all modes of payment using the POS System and help maintain and enhance the overall appearance of the boutique by maintaining the cleanliness of the store (showcases and displays).

Requires: High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales and must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Interested applicants may send their applications or resumes via email to gemkell_recruitment@tanholdings.com . To be considered, resumes/application documents must be submitted not later than **March 15, 2017**. Applications for Employment are available at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort. Background checks will be required prior to employment.

Saipan Adventures, Inc.
invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Tour Guide (11)
High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00PM on March 15, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Century Tours, Inc. invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Customer Service Agent, full-time (1)
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (02) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese, or Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Customer Service Agent, part-time (4)
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (02) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese, or Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Interested applicants may obtain application forms from the Front Office of Century Tours, Inc., located at the ground floor of the Kanoa Resort on Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan. Offices are open Sunday-Saturday from 9 AM-6 PM. Worker's compensation provided. Applications and/or resumes may also be emailed to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com until **March 15, 2017**. Incumbents must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.
Drug testing is required prior to employment.

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FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant position:

(11) Steward – (Part-Time)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Ability to prioritize and arrange assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, early morning hours and holidays.

(6) Cook – (Part-Time)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years work experience preferably in a full service hotel. Basic culinary and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(2) Cook – Pastry (Part-Time)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent with 2 years work experience in mixing and baking ingredients to produce breads, rolls, cookies, cakes, pies, pastries or other baked goods. Good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(3) Wait Staff (Part-Time)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(22) Housekeeping Cleaner (Part-Time)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of 6 months work experience preferably in a full service hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(3) Laundry Attendant (Part-Time)
Qualification: Employees in these occupations need anywhere from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations. Experience as a laundry worker is required, preferably from a full service hotel or establishment such as a hospital. Must be able to lift and carry 35 pounds. Must be able to stand on feet throughout work shift. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, back-to-back, nights and holidays. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

(2) General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (Part-Time)
Qualification: Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferably in a full service hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) Mason (Part-Time)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a mason is required. Exhibit a personality that demonstrates interpersonal skills to internal customers. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(3) Electrician (Part-Time)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of 5 years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(2) Painter (Part-Time)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a painter is required. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Landscaper (Part-Time)
Qualification: Minimum of 2 to 3 years previous work experience in this field. Cultivates and cares for ornamental plants and installs floral displays indoor or outdoor settings through performance of any combination of following duties as directed by supervisory personnel. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) Diesel Mechanic (Part-Time)
Qualification: High school diploma or equivalent. 2 years experience as a diesel mechanic is required. Must have good dexterity along with solid mechanical skills. Must have in-depth knowledge of diesel engineer and electrical systems. Must have an eye for detail. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Carpenter (Part-time)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. 2 years carpentry experience; or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills, and abilities have been achieved. Incumbents in this classification are exposed to restricted and intense noise inherent to carpentry positions. Incumbent must lift and carry heavy objects.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application from our security office located at the south wing, ground floor. To be considered, application must be submitted no later than March 21, 2017. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Celtics defeat Warriors, Jazz beat Rockets

OAKLAND, California (AP)—Isaiah Thomas scored 25 points as the Boston Celtics beat Golden State 99-86 on Wednesday night, spoiling the Warriors' lone home game in a nearly three-week span.

Splash Brothers Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson combined to shoot just 4 for 17 from 3-point range as Golden State struggled again without injured star Kevin Durant, who spoke before the game wearing a bulky brace on his injured left knee and using crutches.

Curry had 23 points, and Thompson 25 as the Warriors' 10-game home winning streak was snapped—nearly a year after Boston ended a 54-game home win streak for the Warriors.

Kelly Olynyk added 17 points, five rebounds and five assists for Boston.

AP

Boston Celtics' Marcus Smart, center, drives between Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson, left, and David West during the second half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, March 8, 2017, in Oakland, Calif.

Jazz 115, Rockets 108

In Houston, Rudy Gobert and Gordon Hayward each scored 23 points to help Utah beat Houston for its fourth straight victory.

James Harden had 35 points for the Rockets. They dropped their second in a row.

The Rockets trailed by double digits for much of the game as they struggled from 3-point range. Houston was just 8 of 32 to end a streak of 18 straight games with at least 10 3-pointers.

The Jazz won two of the three meetings, the first time since the 2011-12 season that they've won a season series over the Rockets.

Raptors 94, Pelicans 87

In New Orleans, Jonas Valanciunas had 25 points and 13 rebounds as Toronto beat a New Orleans squad that played without All-Star forward Anthony Davis during the second half.

The Pelicans announced that Davis hurt his left wrist, an injury that appeared to occur when he crashed to the court during the team's possession in the first half. Davis was fouled by Normal Powell as he tried to catch an alley-oop pass. Davis, who shoots right-handed, made two free throws after the foul, but never emerged from the locker room after halftime.

The Pelicans said X-rays did not reveal any broken bones, but that Davis, who did not speak to reporters after the game, had a contusion and would be re-evaluated daily.

DeMarcus Cousins had 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Pelicans.

Timberwolves 107, Clippers 91

In Minneapolis, Karl-Anthony Towns had 29 points and 14 rebounds as Minnesota beat Los Angeles.

Andrew Wiggins scored 20 points, and Ricky Rubio had 15 points, 12 assists and six rebounds for the Timberwolves. They were well-rested after having their game against Portland on Monday night postponed because of condensation on the court.

DeAndre Jordan had 20 points and 13 rebounds and Blake Griffin scored 16 points for the Clippers. Chris Paul had 10 assists but scored just seven points on 3-for-9 shooting.

Spurs 114, Kings 104

In San Antonio, Manu Ginobili had 19 points while David Lee added 18 points and 10 rebounds as San Antonio rallied without Kawhi Leonard to beat Sacramento.

San Antonio won its ninth straight and extended its NBA record for 50-win seasons to 18 straight.

Tyreke Evans had a season-high 26 points for Sacramento. The Kings have lost six straight.

Bucks 104, Knicks 93

In Milwaukee, Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 22 of his 32 points in the second half to help Milwaukee rally to beat New York.

The Bucks extended their winning streak to four games and moved to within a half-game of Chicago for the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Antetokounmpo also added 13 rebounds, seven assists and four steals. Derrick Rose led the Knicks with 26 points.

Heat 108, Hornets 101

In Miami, Dion Waiters scored 24 points while Goran Dragic added 22 points and 10 assists as Miami beat Charlotte to move within a half-game of a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Luke Babbitt scored 12 points, Hassan Whiteside had 10 points and 15 rebounds and James Johnson added 10 points for Miami. The Heat are 20-4 in their last 24 games — the NBA's best record in that span.

Kemba Walker scored 33 points for Charlotte.

Wizards 123, Nuggets 113

In Denver,John Wall scored 30 points and Bradley Beal had 23 as Washington beat short-handed Denver.

Otto Porter Jr. added 22 points for the Wizards. They have won nine of their last 12 on the road, including their first back-to-back set on the road this season.

Denver starters Nikola Jokic and Danilo Gallinari were out because of illness and Kenneth Faried was sidelined because of a back injury. Gary Harris had 26 points for the Nuggets.

Magic 98, Bulls 91

In Orlando, Florida, Elfrid Payton had 22 points, 14 assists and 14 rebounds for his second straight triple-double as Orlando rallied to beat Chicago.

Evan Fournier added 20 points to help Orlando erase a 13-point, second-half deficit and snap a two-game losing streak. Jimmy Butler scored 21 points for Chicago. The Bulls have lost three straight.

Hawks 110, Nets 105

In Atlanta, Dennis Schroder scored 31 points while Paul Millsap added 24 as the Atlanta Hawks snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Brooklyn.

Atlanta had lost six of eight to fall three games behind fourth-place Toronto in the Eastern Conference. Sean Kilpatrick scored 27 points for NBA-worst Brooklyn.

Pacers 115, Pistons 98

In Indianapolis, Paul George scored 13 of his 21 points in the third quarter to lead Indiana past Detroit.

The Pacers swept the four-game season series and moved two games in front of Detroit in the playoff chase. Tobias Harris had 22 points for the Pistons.

Kevin Durant progressing in rehab, no timetable for return

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Kevin Durant has been shooting from a chair from as far back as the free-throw line with no legs involved. Not yet.

"Got to keep this jumper right," Durant said with a smile, his injured left knee protected in a bulky brace and his crutches parked nearby for the moment.

He also is riding a stationary bike as part of his rehab from the injured knee and leg and doing well, yet Golden State coach Steve Kerr said it still could be close to a month before the superstar forward is re-evaluated to determine his status.

Durant returned to the Bay Area from the Warriors' East Coast road trip after getting hurt in a loss at Washington. He hyperextended his knee early in the 112-108 defeat Feb. 28 and later underwent an MRI exam, which revealed a Grade 2—or moderate—sprain in the knee as well as a bruised tibia.

"It could have been a lot worse," Durant said, noting he briefly received a diagnosis it was far more serious. "I hurt my knee. A lot of guys go through this throughout a season, a lot of injuries. It's nothing for anybody to be concerned about. I got a boo boo playing basketball. It is what it is, man. So I'm OK. My spirits are good, my family's good, I'm doing what I love to do every single day."

Kerr checked in by text message regularly with KD, then spoke to him by phone Tuesday once the team returned to Oakland. The Warriors were only home briefly, however, playing Wednesday night against Boston before heading back out of town for games at Minnesota on Friday and at San Antonio on Saturday.

"I just talked to him, he was on the bike breaking a sweat," Kerr said before the game. "He says he feels good. It's only been I guess less than a week, so not really anything to report because it's a good month before re-evaluate. So, he's doing as well as possible."

Last week, the team said Durant would be re-evaluated four weeks after the injury, so if he were fully healthy then it would leave about two weeks remaining in the regular season. Kerr's timeline Wednesday made it sound like it could be for the final week before the playoffs if all goes smoothly in Durant's recovery.

Durant isn't putting a timetable on when he could be healthy.

"I'm not even thinking about that right now. I know that's what everybody wants to know or are wondering," he said. "Whenever my body tells me I'll be ready to play, that's when I'll be ready to play. I'm not really thinking too far down the line, I'm just worried about having a great day today and I look forward to having a good one tomorrow."

Durant was leading the team in scoring and rebounding with 25.3 points and 8.2 boards along with 4.8 assists in his first season with Golden State.

"I think everybody is touching base with him hoping that his spirits are good, and they seem to be," Kerr said. "Really in the grand scheme of things, as I told him, six weeks goes by pretty quick. He's got a long life ahead of him. It'd be great if we could get him back the last week of the regular season or so. We'll just have to wait and see."

The Warriors, who began the night at 52-11 and with the NBA's best record, spent the early stretch of the season adjusting to Durant's big presence on both ends - and now they are figuring out how to keep in a groove without him.

"We know what he brings to the table every night," Stephen Curry said at shootaround earlier in the day. "He had only missed one game up until his injury, so different rotations, a couple different play calls that we don't run now because they're catered to kind of just getting him to a scoring spot. For the most part our identity it is what it is and it's always been that way."

Durant has been watching games from his couch and yelling at the TV on occasion. He sets daily goals in his recovery, such as last week's chore of straightening out his leg to gain range of motion. Strengthening will come along slowly, too.

AP source: Cowboys to release Romo when NFL year begins

DALLAS (AP) — Tony Romo's star-crossed career as the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys will soon be over.

A person with knowledge of the decision tells The Associated Press that the Cowboys will release Romo when the NFL year opens on Thursday. The person spoke to the AP on Wednesday on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't announced a decision on Romo, who will get a chance to pursue a starting job elsewhere.

Romo will leave the Cowboys as the franchise leader in yards passing (34,183) and touchdowns (248). But he could never match the postseason success of Hall of Famers and multiple Super Bowl winners Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman.

A 10-year starter who joined the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent in 2003, Romo lost the job last season to rookie Dak Prescott after breaking a bone in his back in a preseason game.

When he was healthy again, Romo conceded the job to Prescott during a franchise-record 11-game winning streak. His departure has been expected ever since.

A trade was unlikely because Romo turns 37 next month, carries a $24 million salary cap hit and has missed most of the past two seasons with injuries. But he should be attractive as a free agent to contenders wanting a quarterback, a list that could include Denver and Houston.

A release will free about $5 million in cap space for the Cowboys, who can split the dead money from a $19 million hit over two seasons.

Romo was 78-49 as the starter, but his playoff debut 10 years ago illustrated the postseason struggles ahead when he infamously flubbed the snap on what could have been a winning field goal in Seattle.

The four-time Pro Bowler went 2-4 in the playoffs, never winning on the road or reaching the NFC championship game.

AP

In this Sept. 28, 2014, file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo celebrates a touchdown run by DeMarco Murray during the second half of an NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints, in Arlington, Texas.

Owner Jerry Jones and Romo talked "Cowboy for life" when Romo signed the franchise's first $100 million contract in 2013 - a $108 million, six-year extension through 2019.

And there wasn't any reason to think it wouldn't happen as recently as two years ago after Dallas won the NFC East at 12-4 in Romo's last full season as the starter. The Cowboys beat Detroit in the wild-card round before losing to Green Bay in the divisional round after the famous catch that wasn't by receiver Dez Bryant.

In the second game of 2015, though, Romo broke his left collarbone when he was sacked, and the Cowboys went 0-7 without him. He returned for two games and broke the collarbone again as Dallas sunk to last in the division at 4-12.

When Romo injured his back in the preseason against the Seahawks, Prescott had already shown promise in two preseason games. It carried over to the regular season with 11 straight wins after Dallas lost the opener. The Cowboys were the top seed in the NFC at 13-3 but lost their first playoff game to the Packers.

Romo played just one series in his final season with Dallas, throwing a 3-yard touchdown to Terrance Williams in a meaningless regular-season finale at Philadelphia. His last snap in a home regular-season game was the last of three broken collarbones sustained in his career.

Giants sign Brandon Marshall to 2-year contract

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Eli Manning and the New York Giants now have two legitimate threats on the outside.

The Giants found a complement to Odell Beckham Jr. on Wednesday by signing veteran free-agent receiver Brandon Marshall to a two-year, $12 million contact.

Marshall said the Giants' offer might have been the lowest that he got after being released by the Jets last week.

However, Ben McAdoo's team, which made the playoffs with an 11-5 record last season, offered him something else.

"It was all about championships," said Marshall, who has never made the playoffs since being drafted in the first round by Denver in 2006. "To get straight to the point—it was all about a championship, they presented the best opportunity to be in a championship organization."

Marshall offers the Giants a lot. He is a big target at 6-foot-4 and 230 pounds, and he has been productive. In 167 regular-season games with Denver, Miami, Chicago and the Jets, he has caught 941 passes for 12,061 yards and 82 touchdowns.

The soon-to-be 33-year-old had 59 catches for 788 yards and three touchdowns last season.

"Brandon is a big, talented wide receiver who we believe can still play at a very high level," general manager Jerry Reese said. "But, most of all, we believe he still has the hunger."

Marshall said Reese texted him Sunday but he didn't see the message until later in the day. Once the sides met, it didn't take long for things to come together.

Manning and Marshall have already spoken and the two hope to working in April. He has already been impressed by how much Manning prepares.

"That's the thing that I'm most excited about it, because that's where you win games," Marshall said. "Obviously, there's a physical part to it; but the teams that really separate themselves are the teams that win before they even play the game. I can't wait to just follow him and get to learn from him and get this job done."

Marshall said he has gotten to know Beckham over the past two years.

"This kid isn't even in his prime yet and he's a monster," Marshall said. "I can't wait to be a part of this journey, this maturation process that he's on."

The Giants used Victor Cruz on the outside last season. He had 39 catches for 586 yards but he is really more of a slot receiver, a spot the Giants gave to rookie Sterling Shepard. He was recently released in a salary cap move.

Despite being double-teamed in most games, Beckham led the team with 101 catches for 1,367 yards and 10 touchdowns. In three seasons, he has 288 catches for 4,122 yards and 35 touchdowns.

"I just love the guy to death," Marshall said about Beckham. "He's the biggest star in the NFL, between Antonio Brown and Julio Jones, it's a toss-up of who is the best receiver in the league and I'm excited about that. I love his passion, I love his approach to the game, and I'm just happy I can be on the other side of him to pull coverage and make his job easier."

Hey, Rookie! Mets' Tebow takes practice swings on wrong side

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP)—Tim Tebow made his first rookie mistake even before stepping into the batter's box.

The New York Mets newcomer walked behind home plate and took his practice swings near Boston's on-deck circle.

"I didn't know who that was back there. I thought it was the ball boy," AL Cy Young Award winner Rick Porcello said.

Tebow's debut as a big leaguer didn't go much better Wednesday.

The former NFL quarterback went 0 for 3, twice looking at strike three and also grounding into a double play with the bases loaded in a spring training exhibition against the Red Sox.

Tebow did safely reach when he was hit by a pitch in the right shoulder. But his stay on base was brief—he got doubled off first on a line drive.

"It was a first day for me getting to compete. I'll learn a lot from it. It's kind of what I expected from a competition level," he said.

The 29-year-old Tebow batted eighth as the designated hitter. Signed last fall, he's in camp on a minor league contract, hoping to make it as an outfielder. He's next scheduled to play for the Mets in a split-squad game Friday against Houston, and manager Terry Collins said Tebow would be in the field.

Tebow's day started out with a fun-filled morning stretch. He was loudly welcomed by slugger Yoenis Cespedes and kidded by Pittsburgh native Neil Walker—the second baseman barbed Tebow for once leading the Denver Broncos over the Steelers in the playoffs. Tebow warmed up by swatting a few home runs in batting practice.

AP
New York Mets outfielder and former NFL quarterback Tim Tebow leaves a news conference at the baseball teams spring training facility in Port St. Lucie, Fla., Monday, Feb. 27, 2017.

To say Tebow's first game was a success, however, would be a stretch. He did, at least, get to slap high-fives on the field after an 8-7 win in front of 6,538 fans.

"With almost anything I do, I get a little nervous because I care about it, the outcome and my teammates," Tebow said. "But I'd also get nervous if I was going to talk to a high school football team before a game."

Tebow was set to lead off the third inning for his first at-bat. The lefty hitter emerged from the Mets' dugout on the third base side and crossed over to the Boston side, drifting toward the Red Sox on-deck circle and inching his way into Porcello's view.

"I thought you walked around because you're a left-hander. I found out you don't do that," he said.

The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner then faced Porcello, prompting some to figure out another matchup between Heisman and Cy Young winners - Bo Jackson vs. Frank Viola, for example.

Tebow drew a nice cheer when he stepped in wearing a No. 97 jersey with no name on the back. He swung late on a fastball to fall behind and was caught looking at a 92 mph heater on a 1-2 count. He had a friendly word and smile for plate umpire Ryan Additon after being called out.

Tebow came up next with the bases loaded and bounced into a double play against Noe Ramirez. A run scored on the grounder, but Tebow didn't get credit for an RBI.

The third time up, Tebow was plunked in the right shoulder by a pitch by fellow University of Florida alum Brian Johnson.

"Come on, where's the love?" Tebow kidded. "No, it's fine."

"I've been good at taking hits most of my career. That might come easier than anything else," he said.

L.J. Mazzilli followed with a line drive to second baseman Deven Marrero, whose throw to first beat Tebow. Righty reliever Brandon Workman fanned Tebow on three pitches in the eighth, getting him looking with a curveball.

Before the game, Boston manager John Farrell watched from the top step of the visitors' dugout as Tebow hit some long drives, the majority the opposite way at First Data Field.

Farrell said Tebow's attempt to make it in baseball, which he last played as a junior in high school before joining the Mets last August, is a bold ambition but reveals plenty about his character.

"It says he's not afraid of failure, and that's great for any athlete," Farrell said. "Athletes are all going to become vulnerable in their performance at some point, and for who's been such a high profile in another sport come in and say, 'Hey, I'm willing to take a run at this,' I think it's a pretty cool thing."

"When you look at the raw power in BP, it's pretty evident. It says you've got some pretty good hand-eye coordination. (Baseball's) hard for a guy who plays every year," he said. "When you have that kind of gap, I think it's a window into the mindset that anything is possible. Why not take a run with it?"

IRONMAN

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cepcion shared with the media that MVA has been preparing for the event for months.

Concepcion said just bringing the global Ironman brand to the CNMI is huge.

"The exposure that the CNMI gets for having type of prestigious even in the CNMI is very important," said Concepcion.

Concepcion has long shared his views as promoting the CNMI as a sports destination along with a resort destination.

"That's how we want to brand ourselves—as islands of sports and paradise here in the middle of the pacific," said Concepcion in an earlier interview.

Concepcion indicated that he wishes to have the Ironman as a mainstay in the CNMI and has plans to conduct it annually.

"It is our newest signature event," he said.

In a random airport encounter, *Saipan Tribune* was able to run into a participant of Ironman 70.3 Saipan.

Veteran Japanese participant Masaki Imai was particularly excited for the triathlon.

"I am so pumped for joining the Saipan's first Ironman race," he said.

Having joined the Ironman for three consecutive years, Iwai told *Saipan Tribune* that this was his second trip to Saipan since coming here in his high school years.

The Japanese participant said due to busy work schedules, practice was scarce for him back home but that won't stop him from doing his best.

"I have been training for only three months. I usually train for about six months before competing," he said.

AGAPE

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limit their shooters, I think we have a good chance. Our big men also have to do their job in the paint to give Mt. Carmel a nice game," he added.

The Knights pulled off a 40-38 win over Puno's Torchbearers in last season's finale, working their back from an 18-point deficit in the first half, 10-28. Puno still remembers that sorry loss and he hopes to return the favor to Mt. Carmel next week.

"We were unbeaten, too going into the finals and then we lost a big lead and eventually the game. Hopefully, we learned our lessons from that defeat and one of our motivation for this year's finals is to redeem ourselves from that heartbreaker," Puno said.

Puno and his Torchbearers moved one step away from redemption after routing SCS in their Final Four showdown.

Agape held SCS scoreless in the first and third quarters to set up the 29-point win.

On offense, brothers Tychicus and Silas Xu again had impressive games as they combined for 22 points in the Torchbearers' semis win. The siblings totaled 30 in Agape's 55-26 win over Grace Christian Academy in the quarterfinals. Yang Chengxuan added 10 markers for another double-digit scoring as he had 17 in their lopsided victory against the Eagles.

Agape 43 – T. Xu 14, Chenxuan 10, S. Xu 8, Heng 7, Wenhao 2, Tianen 2.

SCS 14 – Torres 4, Sablan 4, Guerrero 2, Aguon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 8-0, 14-8, 29-8, 43-14.

TSUNAMI

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75 swimmers who joined the preliminary races.

In the girls 10 years old category, Ashley moved from third in the qualifying races to first in the finals. Her 32.50 seconds beat the 32.87 seconds of Tokyo Swimming Center's Julia Lloyd and 33.15 seconds of Konami's Saeko Nakamura. In the preliminary swim, Ashley registered 32.99 seconds to rank third among 100 swimmers.

"Ashley also won the 50m butterfly in the 9-year-old category last year. It was awesome for her to win in another age group," Kimura said.

"I am so proud of our swimmers as they did very well against very strong clubs," the Tsunami Saipan coach added.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	24	.631	—
Toronto	38	26	.594	2½
New York	26	39	.400	15
Philadelphia	23	40	.365	17
Brooklyn	11	52	.175	29

Southeast Division

Washington	39	24	.619	—
Atlanta	35	29	.547	4½
Miami	31	34	.477	9
Charlotte	28	36	.438	11½
Orlando	24	41	.369	16

Central Division

Cleveland	42	20	.677	—
Indiana	33	31	.516	10
Chicago	31	33	.484	12
Detroit	31	33	.484	12
Milwaukee	30	33	.476	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

x-San Antonio	50	13	.794	—
Houston	44	21	.677	7
Memphis	36	28	.563	14½
Dallas	27	36	.429	23
New Orleans	25	40	.385	26

Northwest Division

Utah	41	24	.631	—
Oklahoma City		35	29	.547
5½				
Denver	29	35	.453	11½
Portland	27	35	.435	12½
Minnesota	26	37	.413	14

Pacific Division

x-Golden State	52	12	.813	—
L.A. Clippers	38	26	.594	14
Sacramento	25	39	.391	27
Phoenix	21	43	.328	31
L.A. Lakers	19	45	.297	33

x-clinched playoff spot

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coca-Cola/Subway edges Mobil/COAG

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Coca-Cola/Subway nosed out Mobil/COAG, 74-73, during the final regular season game in the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Wil Francisco hit the dagger off Mark Ogasawara's feed in the last two seconds of the game to foil Mobil/COAG's bid for an upset.

Francisco's go-ahead came after Mobil/COAG wrestled the lead, 73-72, off Marlon Sison's triple, with under 10 seconds left in the match. Coca-Cola/Subway then missed on its offensive set, while Coca-Cola/Subway got the ball, however in the inbound play from the backcourt, Sison's pass to Patrick Pelisamen hit the latter's knee and the ball went out of the baseline. Coca-Cola/Subway got the possession back to pave the way for Francisco's heroics.

Francisco was one of the three Coca-Cola/Subway players to finish in twin digits in their close win over Mobil/COAG. He had 10 points, while Michael Cabanas tallied 36 markers, making three crucial free three throws down the stretch that put Coca-Cola/Subway on top in the seesaw battle. Edward Armia chipped in 24.

Sison, on the other hand, led Mobil/COAG's losing cause with his 21 points, while Alvin Almario contributed 16. Mobil/COAG and Coca-Cola/Subway will meet anew on March 17 in the first round of the single-elimination playoffs as the latter gained the No. 3 seeding in the 16-team field with its 6-1 record. Mobil/COAG ended up with a 1-6 mark to rank No. 14.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Coca-Cola/Subway's Michael Cabanas goes up for an uncontested layup during their earlier game against Star Water in the JEM/Mobil caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Meanwhile, in the other game in the final day of the regular season, Star Water defeated Konstrak Builders.

Melvin Gallardo and Rommel Dizon teamed up in lifting Star Water past the winless Konstrak Builders. Gallardo had a team-high 28 points, while Dizon chipped in 24. Ronald Bernardo paced Konstrak Builders with a game-high 34 markers.

Star Water wrapped up pool play with a 3-4 record for the No. 10 seeding in the playoffs and it will face the seventh-ranked GPPC on March 20.

Other first round pairings are No. 2 Mariana Resort vs. No. 15 Triple J; No. 12 McDonald's vs. No. 5 Top Development, Inc.; No. 1 Tan-Holdings vs. No. 16 Konstrak Builders; No. 6 Best Deal/RNV Construction vs. No. 11 Westco; No. 4 Joeten vs. No. 13 Docomo Pacific; and No. 8 Commonwealth Utilities Corp. vs. No. 9 CTSI/D&Q.

Seeding was determined by the team standings in each pool. For teams (from different pools) that tied, points system was implemented to break the tie, while for squads in similar group, the win-over-the-other was used.

First Game

Star Water 85 – Gallardo 28, Dizon 24, Brel 17, Ombac 9, Quiban 5.

Konstrak Builders 76 – Bernardo 34, Sabidal 25, Alfonso 6, Espejo 4, Lansang 4.

Scoring by quarters: 23-18, 44-44, 69-60, 85-76.

Second Game

Coca-Cola/Subway 74 – Cabanas 34, Armia 24, Francisco 10, Felix 5, Deang 4.

Mobil/COAG 73 – Sison 21, Almario 16, Torres 9, Manzano 9, Pelisamen 8, Agustin 4, Aguilar 4.

Scoring by quarters: 16-16, 37-33, 51-48, 74-73.

MP United shuts down Matansa

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A MP United player, right, deflects a shot from a Kanoa player during an earlier game in the boys U17 division of the NMIFA youth league at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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Sunjoon Tenorio scored a hat trick to power MP United Football Club to a 4-0 victory over Matansa in the boys U17 division of the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Tenorio registered two of his three goals in the opening half with the first one recorded in the 23rd minute and the second in the 38th. He made it three in a row in the 59th minute, while Alex Park closed out for MP United in less than two minutes before the 80-minute match concluded.

The win was the third in as many games for MP United putting the squad in a tie for first place with idle TanHoldings FC. Matansa is at the bottom of the team standings with its 0-0-3 win-draw-loss mark.

Kanoa FC is at solo second place in the five-squad field after improving to a 2-0-2 slate following its 2-1 triumph over Paire FC in the other match in the division last weekend.

Ian Karl Maniago knocked in the game-winning goal for Kanoa in the 74th minute, while Sebastien Manabat scored first in the 33th minute of the close match. Jether Yobech nailed the lone goal for the winless Paire in the 43rd.

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Shirley's 5, Paire 2

Shirley's gained its second straight victory after topping Paire in the curtain-raiser in the division last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

Romel Mendoza and Brandon Tenorio teamed up in giving Shirley's another victory with the former firing three goals and the latter adding two. Mendoza registered the hat trick right in the first half, as he hit the board in the fifth minute, 17th, and 32nd. Tenorio finished what Mendoza started by scoring in the 51st and 66th minute for Shirley's, which barged into the win column late last month after beating Kanoa and making up for a 0-2 start. With its 2-0-2 record, Shirley's moved up to solo third place in the team standings behind MP United (3-1-0) and Matansa (2-1-1), while Paire is at the cellar with its 0-1-3 mark.

Matansa 2, Kanoa FC 0

Matansa retained the second spot in the team standings after beating Kanoa.

Razeff Altamirano and Lolobeyong Benito scored for Matansa with the former finding the back of the net in the 10th minute and the latter in the 39th.

With Kanoa failing to hit the board and absorbing its second straight loss, the team fell to fifth place with its 1-1-2 mark.

MP United 2, TanHoldings 2

In the final game last week, MP United averted an impending loss after rallying past TanHoldings and forcing a draw.

MP United posted two goals in the last 10 minutes of the game to avoid getting its first defeat this season, while TanHoldings had its second draw at the early stage of the competition.

TanHoldings held a 2-0 lead off Aloyzeus Angeles and Taka Borja's goals in the 16th and 47th minute, respectively. However, the team failed to hang on to the driver's seat when Daniele Colombo put MP United on the board in the 61st minute and Rohan Basnet nailed the equalizer four minutes before the 70-minute matched wrapped up.

Bears enter win column; GSM triumphs

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Defending champions Chalan Kanoa Bears got their first victory in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League after edging Titanium, 7-6, last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

A.J. Lizama scored the game-winning run at the bottom of the ninth inning off Angel Palacios' base hit, which Titanium failed to pick up on time as Jack Sablan fumbled at second base. The Bears scored two runs in the last inning to steal the win with the first run made by Peyton Lizama off Titanium's error at shortstop.

The victory came after the Bears went on a 0-2 start. Their last defeat came at the hands of Go See Mark, which posted an 8-5 triumph over the defending champions last Friday.

After being held to one run in the first six innings, GSM found its target in the next two innings to overhaul the Bears' lead. The Bears went up, 5-1, after six and a half innings, as they scored two runs in the second and one each in fourth, fifth, and seventh inning.

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Go See Mark's Vince Cepeda throws warm-up pitchers while waiting for the start of their game against the Comets yesterday in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

A two-RBI single from Ricardo Dela Cruz then sparked GSM's comeback at the bottom of the seventh and the team managed to tie the match after getting two more earned runs. GSM then grabbed the upper hand in the eighth inning as it scored two runs off the Bears' miscues and one more off an RBI single from designated hitter Tyrone Omar.

GSM kept the lead in the last inning, as the Bears were done after only four batters with the first and third grounding out and the second getting beaten at third base.

In other results, the BSI Aces and D-9ers downed their respective foes this week.

The D-9ers nosed out the Blue Jays in last Monday's game, 7-6.

The D-9ers scored two runs at the bottom of the eighth inning to gain cushion and they played good defense at the bottom of the ninth to slip past the Blue Jays. The D-9ers' two runs came off a fielder's choice and a bunt for a 7-5 lead after eight complete innings.

At the top of the ninth, Jess Mesa made an RBI single to threaten the D-9ers with two outs and runners on third and second base. Davie Matagolai then attempted to run home after James Benavente hit his target, however, Ian Lizama picked up the ball and threw it to catcher Robert Tudela who tagged the former out for the D-9ers win.

In last Tuesday's game, the BSI Aces defeated the Falcons, 7-3.

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Tsunami Saipan brings home 3 golds

Aasish Dangol

Aleksenko

Ashley Dangol

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan came home with three gold medals as Isaiah Aleksenko and siblings Aasish and Ashley Dangol topped their respective events in the Tokyo Junior Sprint 2017 held over the weekend at the Tatsumi International Swimming Arena.

Aleksenko won the gold medal in the boys 10 years old's 50m freestyle event after clocking in at 30.23 seconds in the finals. The Tsunami Saipan swimmer defeated Central Sports' Takuma Yotsuya (30.48 seconds) and ISF's Syuuhei Komasu (30.54).

The 10-year-old Aleksenko also posted the fastest time in the qualifying heat after recording 30.24 seconds. There were 167 swimmers who joined the 50m freestyle and only the Top 8 swimmers advanced to the finals.

With his strong showing in the tournament that was held last March 4 and 5, Aleksenko was named most outstanding swimmer in his age group.

"This is the first time that a swimmer from Saipan won this award. Guam won a long time ago, but since we started joining, we've never seen any Guam swimmer win this award," Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said.

Meanwhile, the Dangol siblings both earned their gold medals in the 50m butterfly event.

Aasish raced in the boys U8 and his 36.80 seconds in the final swim tied Toshimi Iida of Mitsubishi Swim Club for first place. Daichi Sasaki of Itoman clocked in at 36.99 to complete the podium finish. Aasish's time in the finals was faster than his qualifying time of 36.89 seconds, which was the second best mark among the

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All set for first Ironman 70.3 Saipan

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IRONMAN 70.3 SAIPAN

A total of 181 triathletes will compete in the first ever edition of Ironman 70.3 Saipan that is set tomorrow, March 11, all throughout the island.

The Marianas Visitors Authority said the 181 triathletes include 82 from Japan, seven from the mainland USA, 22 from Saipan, 12 from Guam, 28 from Korea, 11 from Hong Kong, six from China, five from Singapore, four from Thailand, and one participant each from Russia, Spain, Vietnam, and Australia.

Ironman Saipan consists of 70.3 grueling miles of consistent action: 1.18 miles of swimming, 55.93 miles of cycling, and 13.10 miles of running all around scenic destinations on Saipan.

MVA managing director Chris Con-

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Ironman 70.3 Saipan Japanese participant Imai Masaki is seen here in a social media post.

Agape sets finals rematch vs MCS

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Agape Christian School took the second and last finals berth in the 2016-2017 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League after dominating Saipan Community School in their playoff game yesterday, 43-14, at the ACS court in Middle Road.

The easy win over SCS allowed Agape to arrange a finals rematch with defending champion Mt. Carmel School on Monday. The Torchbearers-Knights' winner-take-all finale will be played at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium after the girls title game between MCS and Seventh Day Adventist. The girls championship game is set for 3:30pm.

"It's great to be back in the finals and get another shot at Mt. Carmel," Agape coach Noel Puno said.

"We will have a very tough game this Monday as we know MCS is so far undefeated in the tournament and they have a lot of players with good skills. If we could neutralize their guards and

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Agape Christian School's Feng Tianen, right, is fouled by Saipan Community School's Miku Torres during the fourth quarter of their semis game in the private school caging yesterday at the Agape court in Middle Road.